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~~law enforcement; response times; requirements~~
(now: police response time; study committee)

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HOUSE BILL 2418

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE POLICE RESPONSE TIME STUDY COMMITTEE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Police response time study committee; membership;
3 duties; report; delayed repeal

4 A. The police response time study committee is established
5 consisting of the following members:

6 1. Two members of the senate who are appointed by the president of
7 the senate and who are of different political parties. The president of
8 the senate shall designate one of these members to serve as cochairperson
9 of the committee.

10 2. Two members of the house of representatives who are appointed by
11 the speaker of the house of representatives and who are of different
12 political parties. The speaker of the house of representatives shall
13 designate one of these members to serve as cochairperson of the committee.

14 3. The executive director of the Arizona criminal justice
15 commission or the executive director's designee.

16 4. Two chiefs of police of a municipality or from a statewide
17 organization that represents police chiefs, one member who represents a
18 municipality with a population of less than one hundred thousand persons
19 and who is appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and
20 one member who represents a municipality with a population of more than
21 one hundred thousand persons and who is appointed by the speaker of the
22 house of representatives.

23 5. A county sheriff or the county sheriff's designee who is
24 appointed by the president of the senate.

25 6. A representative from a statewide organization that represents
26 Arizona state troopers who is appointed by the president of the senate.

27 7. A representative from a city or town or a statewide organization
28 that represents cities and towns who is appointed by the president of the
29 senate.

30 8. A representative from a statewide organization that represents
31 police officers who is appointed by the speaker of the house of
32 representatives.

33 9. A representative from a tribal law enforcement agency who is
34 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

35 10. A public member who is actively involved in public safety and
36 victims' rights issues and who is appointed by the speaker of the house of
37 representatives.

38 B. Appointed members serve at the pleasure of the person who made
39 the appointment.

40 C. Committee members are not eligible to receive compensation.

41 D. The committee shall:

42 1. Meet as often as the cochairpersons deems necessary.

43 2. Solicit ideas and opinions from law enforcement officials,
44 subject matter experts and the community on recommendations to maintain or
45 improve emergency call response times and critical law enforcement

1 staffing shortages in the state, including staff recruitment, hiring and
2 retention.

3 3. Compile appropriate methods and data sources cities and towns
4 should use to calculate emergency call response times and an overview of
5 best practices and time frames for emergency call response times.

6 4. Review data on emergency call response times of Arizona law
7 enforcement agencies.

8 5. On or before December 21, 2023, submit a final report regarding
9 the committee's findings that will enhance better response times in this
10 state to the speaker of the house of representative and the president of
11 the senate and provide a copy of this report to the executive director of
12 the Arizona criminal justice commission and the secretary of state.

13 E. This section is repealed from and after June 30, 2024.

14 Sec. 2. Emergency

15 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
16 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
17 law.