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# **SB 1563**

Introduced by  
Senator Kaiser

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE NEW AMERICAN TALENT STUDY COMMITTEE.

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

2 Section 1. New American talent study committee; membership;  
3 requirements; study committee coordinator;  
4 duties; reports; delayed repeal

5 A. The new American talent study committee is established  
6 consisting of the following members:

7 1. One member who will serve as the coordinator of the study  
8 committee and provide direction at committee meetings, convene  
9 stakeholders and produce written reports and who is appointed by the chief  
10 executive officer of the Arizona commerce authority.

11 2. One member who is professionally trained internationally, who  
12 was born outside of the United States and who is appointed by the chief  
13 executive officer of the Arizona commerce authority.

14 3. One small business owner who was born outside the United States  
15 and who is appointed by the chief executive officer of the Arizona  
16 commerce authority.

17 4. Four members who work with refugee resettlement community-based  
18 programs or agencies that provide services to new Americans and  
19 internationally trained professionals and who are appointed by the chief  
20 executive officer of the Arizona commerce authority.

21 5. Two members who work in industries that need workforce talent  
22 and who are appointed by the chief executive officer of the Arizona  
23 commerce authority.

24 6. One member from an Arizona university who is appointed by the  
25 chief executive officer of the Arizona commerce authority.

26 7. One member from an Arizona community college who is appointed by  
27 the chief executive officer of the Arizona commerce authority.

28 8. One member of the senate commerce committee who is appointed by  
29 the president of the senate.

30 9. One member of the house of representatives commerce committee  
31 who is appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

32 10. One member from the governor's office who is appointed by the  
33 governor.

34 11. The director of the department of economic security or the  
35 director's designee.

36 12. The director of the department of health services or the  
37 director's designee.

38 B. The study committee shall:

39 1. Review best practices to maximize economic integration of new  
40 Americans into the workforce.

41 2. Evaluate state requirements and policies that pose unnecessary  
42 barriers to new American workforce participation.

43 3. Identify solutions that improve access to new American talent in  
44 this state.

1 C. The coordinator shall call meetings as often as necessary to  
2 effectuate the purpose of the committee.

3 D. On or before December 31, 2023, the coordinator shall submit a  
4 report of its findings and recommendations to the governor, the president  
5 of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate  
6 commerce committee, the house of representatives commerce committee and  
7 the Arizona commerce authority, and submit a copy of this report to the  
8 secretary of state. The Arizona commerce authority shall post the report  
9 on its website.

10 E. On or before July 1, 2024, the coordinator shall submit an  
11 additional report that provides any updated findings and recommendations  
12 since the December 31, 2023 report. The coordinator shall provide a copy  
13 of the updated report to the governor, the president of the senate, the  
14 speaker of the house of representatives, the senate commerce committee,  
15 the house of representatives commerce committee and the Arizona commerce  
16 authority, and submit a copy of this report to the secretary of state.

17 F. This section is repealed from and after September 30, 2024.