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workforce; study committee; report

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# **SENATE BILL 1563**

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE NEW AMERICAN TALENT STUDY COMMITTEE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Joint legislative new American talent study  
3 committee; membership; requirements; study  
4 committee coordinator; duties; reports; delayed  
5 repeal

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

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

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

17 3. One member who is professionally trained internationally, who  
18 was born outside of the United States and who is appointed by the speaker  
19 of the house of representatives.

20 4. One small business owner who was born outside the United States  
21 and who is appointed by the president of the senate.

22 5. Two members who work with refugee resettlement community-based  
23 programs or agencies that provide services to new Americans and  
24 internationally trained professionals and who are appointed by the  
25 president of the senate.

26 6. One member from an Arizona university who is appointed by the  
27 speaker of the house of representatives.

28 7. One member from an Arizona community college who is appointed by  
29 the speaker of the house of representatives.

30 8. One member from the governor's office who is appointed by the  
31 governor and who is an ex-officio member.

32 9. The director of the department of economic security or the  
33 director's designee and who is an ex-officio member.

34 10. The director of the department of health services or the  
35 director's designee and who is an ex-officio member.

36 11. The chief executive officer of the Arizona commerce authority  
37 or the chief executive officer's designee and who is an ex-officio member.

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 cochairpersons shall call meetings as often as necessary to  
2 effectuate the purpose of the committee.

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

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