

Joint Legislative New American Talent Study Committee

PURPOSE: To: (1) review best practices to maximize economic integration of new Americans into the workforce; (2) evaluate state requirements and policies that pose unnecessary barriers to new American workforce participation; and (3) identify solutions that improve access to new American talent in this State. On or before December 31, 2023, the Co-Chairs of the Committee shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Senate Commerce Committee, the House of Representatives Commerce Committee and the Arizona Commerce Authority and submit a copy of this report to the Secretary of State. The Arizona Commerce Authority shall post the report on its website.

MEMBERSHIP:

House Two members of the House of Representatives from different political parties and one appointed as Co-Chair, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Z-1 House Vacant

Senate Two members of the Senate from different political parties and one appointed as Co-Chair, appointed by the President of the Senate:

Z-2 Senate Vacant

Other The Chief Executive Officer of the Arizona Commerce Authority or the Chief Executive Officer's designee, as an ex-officio member :

Ms. Sandra Watson, CEO, Arizona Commerce Authority (6/30/2024)

The Director of the Department of Health Services or the Director's designee, as an ex-officio member:

Vacant

One member who is professionally trained internationally, born outside of the United States, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Vacant (6/30/2024)

One small business owner, born outside the United States, appointed by the President of the Senate:

Vacant

Two members who work with refugee resettlement community-based programs or agencies that provide services to new Americans and internationally trained professionals, appointed by the President of the Senate:

Ms. Other Z-5

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One member from an Arizona university, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Vacant (6/30/2024)

One member from an Arizona community college, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Vacant (6/30/2024)

One member from the Governor's office as an ex-officio member, appointed by the Governor:

Vacant (6/30/2024)

The Director of the Department of Economic Security or the Director's designee, as an ex-officio member:

Vacant

Notes: The Co-Chairs shall call meetings as often as necessary to effectuate the purpose of the Committee.

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REPORT DATE: 12/31/23

EXPIRATION DATE: 06/30/2024

STATUTORY CITE: Laws 2023; Chapter 72