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HB 2278: gang and immigration intelligence; appropriation

Sponsor: Representative Biasiucci, LD 30

Committee on Military Affairs & Public Safety

Overview

Appropriates an unspecified amount of monies to the Gang and Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission Fund (Fund) for the establishment of a counterterrorism information center.

History

The Fund was established for: 1) employer sanctions enforcement; 2) human smuggling and drug smuggling enforcement; 3) gang and strict immigration enforcement; 4) county jail reimbursement costs relating to illegal immigration; and 5) any other use authorized by law. The Fund consists of monies collected by the superior court for civil penalties having to do with certain immigration laws and appropriations from the legislature ([A.R.S. § 41-1724](#)).

[The Gang and Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission](#) (GIITEM) is a task force led by the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Gang Enforcement Bureau. GIITEM has the mission of suppressing criminal gangs and transnational crime. The program was designed to suppress gang activity as well as reduce the impact on law enforcement agencies that concentrated enforcement produces.

Provisions

1. Requires GIITEM to partner with sheriffs in counties on the border of Arizona and Mexico to establish a counterterrorism information center for the analysis and sharing of information with state, local, federal, tribal and private sector entities. (Sec. 1)
2. Adds grants to the types of monies appropriated to the Fund. (Sec. 1)
3. Adds county attorneys to the entities that may receive monies from the Fund. (Sec. 1)
4. Directs that monies are also to be used for the prosecution of human smuggling, drug smuggling, gangs and strict immigration. (Sec. 1)
5. Appropriates an unspecified amount of monies in FY 2025 from an unspecified fund to the Fund, and appropriates those monies to DPS, to establish a southern Arizona counterterrorism information center. (sec. 2)
6. Exempts the appropriation from lapsing. (Sec. 2)
7. Makes conforming changes. (Sec. 1)

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