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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES STUDY COMMITTEE.

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

2 Section 1. Adverse childhood experiences study committee;  
3 duties; report; delayed repeal; definition

4 A. The adverse childhood experiences study committee is established  
5 consisting of the following members:

6 1. Three members of the house of representatives who are appointed  
7 by the speaker of the house of representatives, not more than two of whom  
8 are members of the same political party. The speaker of the house of  
9 representatives shall designate one of these members to serve as  
10 cochairperson of the committee.

11 2. Three members of the senate who are appointed by the president  
12 of the senate, not more than two of whom are members of the same political  
13 party. The president of the senate shall designate one of these members to  
14 serve as cochairperson of the committee.

15 3. One member who represents an Arizona free-standing children's  
16 hospital with more than three hundred licensed beds and who is appointed  
17 by the speaker of the house of representatives.

18 4. One member who represents an Arizona hospital that serves both  
19 adult and pediatric patients and who is appointed by the president of the  
20 senate.

21 5. One member who represents a regional behavioral health authority  
22 and who is appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

23 6. One mental health expert with experience with pediatric health  
24 and adverse childhood experiences who is appointed by the president of the  
25 senate.

26 7. Two health care professionals, one of whom is appointed by the  
27 speaker of the house of representatives and one of whom is appointed by  
28 the president of the senate.

29 8. Two citizens who reside in this state with personal history of  
30 adverse childhood experiences, at least one of whom is a member of an  
31 ethnic minority group, one of whom is appointed by the speaker of the  
32 house of representatives and one of whom is appointed by the president of  
33 the senate.

34 9. Two members of a community organization dedicated to researching  
35 adverse childhood experiences in this state, one of whom is appointed by  
36 the speaker of the house of representatives and one of whom is appointed  
37 by the president of the senate.

38 10. The director of the department of health services or the  
39 director's designee.

40 11. The director of the department of child services or the  
41 director's designee.

42 12. The director of the department of economic security or the  
43 director's designee.

44 B. Members of the committee are not eligible to receive  
45 compensation or reimbursement of expenses.

1 C. A majority of the members of the committee constitutes a quorum.

2 D. The committee shall conduct a thorough study of all matters  
3 relating to adverse childhood experiences, including prevention,  
4 treatment, long-term effects on individuals and effects on the health and  
5 well-being of citizens in this state as a whole, including effects on high  
6 school graduation rates, unemployment rates, risky health behaviors and  
7 chronic health conditions.

8 E. On or before March 1, 2018, the committee shall submit a report  
9 of its findings and recommendations to the governor, the president of the  
10 senate and the speaker of the house of representatives and shall provide a  
11 copy of this report to the secretary of state.

12 F. This section is repealed from and after June 30, 2018.

13 G. For the purposes of this section, "health care professional"  
14 means a person who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13, 14, 17 or  
15 25, Arizona Revised Statutes, or a nurse practitioner who is licensed  
16 pursuant to title 32, chapter 15, Arizona Revised Statutes.