

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2702
(Reference to printed bill)

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<<Green carets>> indicate a section added to the bill.

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1 The bill as proposed to be amended is reprinted as follows:

2 Section 1. Section 41-3025.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:

4 41-3025.01. Arizona criminal justice commission; termination
5 December 31, 2025

6 A. The Arizona criminal justice commission terminates on ~~July 1~~
7 DECEMBER 31, 2025.

8 B. Sections 41-2404 and 41-2405 and this section are repealed on
9 ~~January~~ JULY 1, 2026.

10 Sec. 2. Purpose

11 Pursuant to section 41-2955, subsection B, Arizona Revised Statutes,
12 the legislature continues the Arizona criminal justice commission to
13 provide a cooperative exchange of information and analysis of issues
14 relating to criminal justice and law enforcement among different public
15 and private agencies.

16 <<Sec. 3. Legislative findings

17 A. The legislature finds that:

18 1. The legislature first established the Arizona criminal justice
19 commission in 1982. Among other duties, the Arizona criminal justice
20 commission is statutorily responsible for monitoring the progress and
21 implementation of new and continuing criminal justice legislation,
22 facilitating research among criminal justice agencies and helping the
23 legislature make data driven criminal justice policy.

24 2. Unfortunately, the current operations and practices of the
25 Arizona criminal justice commission have not aligned with and are
26 contradictory to the legislative purposes underlying the legislature's
27 creation of the Arizona criminal justice commission, jeopardizing the
28 constitutional rights and civil liberties that every Arizonan deserves
29 under the United States Constitution and Constitution of Arizona.

1 ~~3. The Arizona criminal justice commission has lobbied, using~~
2 ~~taxpayer money, for surveillance and data collection practices on citizens~~
3 ~~that have not committed any crimes and the Arizona criminal justice~~
4 ~~commission has further lobbied for the creation of a database targeting~~
5 ~~lawful concealed carry weapon permit holders. This type of activity~~
6 ~~undermines the foundational principles of privacy rights, due process and~~
7 ~~the presumption of innocence, among others. Law enforcement agencies in~~
8 ~~this state widely oppose these data collection mandates, as well as the~~
9 ~~requirement that such information be provided for inclusion in a statewide~~
10 ~~database.~~

11 ~~4. It is troubling that taxpayer dollars are being used for~~
12 ~~intrusive and ultra vires lobbying efforts. State resources cannot be~~
13 ~~diverted to lobbying activities that contradict both the legislature's~~
14 ~~mission and the criminal justice system in Arizona. The misuse of state~~
15 ~~monies for lobbying activities burdens taxpayers and creates the potential~~
16 ~~for the expansion of government power that could further jeopardize~~
17 ~~individual liberties and freedoms. Such unchecked governmental oversight~~
18 ~~expands the power of the state and is a threat to freedom.~~

19 ~~5. The chairperson of the Arizona criminal justice commission is~~
20 ~~responsible for the creation of the judiciary's task force on countering~~
21 ~~disinformation, part of a nationwide censorship apparatus that spied on~~
22 ~~and suppressed the voices of the people of Arizona.~~

23 ~~B. Based on these findings, the legislature deems it necessary to~~
24 ~~terminate the Arizona criminal justice commission immediately on its~~
25 ~~sunset date in order to fulfill its sworn duty to preserve, protect and~~
26 ~~defend the constitutions of the United States and of this state, from all~~
27 ~~enemies foreign and domestic.>>~~

28 Sec. 3. Conforming legislation

29 The legislative council staff shall prepare proposed legislation
30 conforming the Arizona Revised Statutes to the provisions of this act for
31 consideration in the fifty-seventh legislature, second regular session.

32 Sec. 4. Retroactivity

33 Section 1 of this act applies retroactively to from and after July 1,
34 2025.

35 Enroll and engross to conform

36 Amend title to conform

And, as so amended, it do pass

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