



# ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Fifty-sixth Legislature  
Second Regular Session

## HB 2901: criminal justice; 2024-2025

**Sponsor: Representative Livingston (with permission of committee on Rules), LD 28**  
**Committee on Appropriations**

### Overview

Contains provisions relating to criminal justice needed to implement the FY 2025 budget.

### History

The Arizona Legislature adopts a budget for each fiscal year (FY) that contains general appropriations. [Article IV, Section 20, Part 2](#) of the Constitution of Arizona requires the General Appropriations Act (feed bill) to contain only appropriations for the different state departments, state institutions, public schools and interest on public debt. Statutory changes necessary to reconcile the appropriations made in the feed bill and other changes are drafted into separate budget bills. These bills are prepared according to subject area.

### Provisions

#### *Attorney General*

1. Delays the prohibition, on the use of Anti-Racketeering Revolving Fund monies to pay for salaries for FTE positions, for one year — from after August 27, 2024 to after August 27, 2025. (Sec. 4)

#### *Department of Corrections (DOC)*

2. Permits DOC, at the Director's discretion, to use monies appropriated to DOC from the Transition Program Fund in FY 2025 for any DOC expenses. (Sec. 11)
3. Permits DOC, at the Director's discretion, to use monies appropriated to DOC from the Alcohol Abuse Treatment Fund in FY 2025 for any DOC expenses. (Sec. 12)

#### *Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS)*

4. Amends existing session law to extend the existence of the Antihuman Trafficking Grant Fund through the end of FY 2025, instead of FY 2024. (Sec. 9)
5. Repeals the Antihuman Trafficking Grant Fund on July 1, 2025 and directs unexpended or unencumbered monies to be deposited into the state General Fund (GF). (Sec. 9)
6. Amends existing session law relating to the Arizona State Nonprofit Security Grant Program (Program) as follows:
  - a) Limits eligibility for funding from the Program to entities that are able to demonstrate both:
    - i) a risk or threat that is occurring at the time of the application, or that has occurred in the previous two years; and
    - ii) that they have not received federal funding in the last three federal grant cycles;

<input type="checkbox"/> Prop 105 (45 votes)	<input type="checkbox"/> Prop 108 (40 votes)	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency (40 votes)	<input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal Note
--	--	---	--------------------------------------

- b) Requires AZDOHS to create an informal review panel, consisting of members with specified qualifications, to review Program grant applications for eligibility with the above requirements;
- c) Exempts monies in the Program from lapsing;
- d) Directs unexpended or unencumbered monies to be deposited into the state GF on October 1, 2028;
- e) Makes these changes retroactive to July 1, 2024. (Sec. 10, 13)

***Judiciary***

- 7. Changes the name of the Court Appointed Special Advocate Fund to the Court Appointed Special Advocate *and Vulnerable Persons* Fund, and allows said Fund's monies to also be used for court functions benefitting vulnerable persons. (Sec. 2)

***Department of Public Safety (DPS)***

- 8. Mandates that DPS prioritize the concealed weapons permit (CCW) applications of in-state residents when issuing CCWs. (Sec. 5)
- 9. Directs DPS to submit an annual report with specified information on CCWs to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. (Sec. 5)
- 10. Permits DPS to use monies in the Fingerprint Clearance Card Fund to pay for DPS expenses related to real property use. (Sec. 6)
- 11. Delays full implementation of DPS's Major Incidents Division to FY 2028. (Sec. 7)
- 12. Amends existing session law to extend the existence of the Fentanyl Prosecution, Diversion and Testing Fund through the end of FY 2025, instead of FY 2024. (Sec. 8)
- 13. Repeals the Fentanyl Prosecution, Diversion and Testing Fund on July 1, 2025 and directs unexpended or unencumbered monies to be deposited into the state GF. (Sec. 8)
- 14. Makes technical and conforming changes. (Sec. 1, 3, 7, 10)