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PROGRAM PRESENTATION

The Gang and Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission

Background

The Gang and Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission (GIITEM) is a statewide task force that trains criminal justice personnel regarding identification and interdiction of gangs, and collects and disseminates gang and human smuggling intelligence to other law enforcement agencies. GIITEM involves law enforcement personnel from federal, state, county and city law enforcement agencies.

According to the Department of Public Safety (DPS), GIITEM's mission is to: 1) deter criminal gang activity through investigations, arrest and prosecution; 2) dismantle gang related criminal enterprises; 3) deter border related crimes; 4) disrupt human smuggling organizations; 5) collect, analyze and disseminate gang and illegal immigration intelligence; and 6) provide anti-gang awareness training to communities and schools. GIITEM consists of five districts, geographically located as follows: 1) the Northern District includes Coconino, Mohave, Navajo and Apache counties; 2) the Central District consists of Maricopa County; 3) the Border District includes Pinal, Pima, Cochise and Yuma Counties; 4) the Immigration Enforcement District includes Maricopa County; and 5) the Intelligence Support District provides statewide intelligence support.

Fiscal Information

According to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC), the budget provides \$32,306,200 and 171.8 FTE positions from the General Fund for GIITEM in FY 2009. That amount is comprised of monies for the following GIITEM functions: 1) \$9,947,300 for gang enforcement, investigation and interdiction; 2) \$10,358,900 for at least 50 sworn DPS positions to be used for immigration enforcement and border security and up to 50 DPS positions to expand GIITEM's public awareness, investigation and intelligence efforts; 3) \$10,000,000 for local immigration enforcement grants; 4) \$1,000,000 for distribution to county attorneys to fund the prosecution of gang-related offenses; and 5) \$1,000,000 for crime analysts associated with the state gang intelligence database (GangNet).

Committee Action

The Senate Public Safety and Human Services Committee held one public meeting on January 21, 2009 to hear a presentation from DPS regarding GIITEM.

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FY 2008-2009 Budget Action

The FY 2008-2009 budget, passed by the Legislature on January 31, 2009, reverts the \$10,000,000 appropriated for local immigration enforcement grants on July 1, 2010, instead of July 1, 2009, and specifies that of those monies:

- a) \$1,600,000 is allocated to the sheriff's office of a county with a population of more than 2,000,000 persons.
- b) \$1,600,000 is allocated to DPS for the Violent Felony and Fugitive Task Force (Task Force) established in Executive Order 2008-22.

The Bill also specifies that the Task Force is to function as a part of GIITEM as a multijurisdictional statewide task force, and that the expenditure plan for those monies is subject to review by the JLBC before expenditure.

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