

COMMITTEE ON REFORM AND HUMAN SERVICES

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2074

(Reference to printed bill)

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

2 "Section 1. Section 8-503, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 8-503. Powers and duties

5 A. The division shall:

6 1. Exercise supervision over all child welfare agencies.

7 2. Advise and cooperate with the governing boards of all child welfare
8 agencies.

9 3. Assist the staffs of all child welfare agencies by giving advice on
10 progressive methods and procedures of child care and improvement of services.

11 4. Establish rules, regulations, and standards for:

12 (a) Licensing of child welfare agencies.

13 (b) Licensing of foster homes.

14 (c) Classifications of foster homes as:

15 (i) Receiving foster homes.

16 (ii) Regular foster homes.

17 (iii) Special classes of foster homes as are needed according to the
18 types of problems involved.

19 (iv) Group foster homes.

20 (d) Certifying each foster home according to one or more of the
21 categories ~~defined~~ PRESCRIBED in subdivision (c) of this paragraph.

22 (e) Initial and ongoing foster parent training programs.

23 (f) The method of approving foster parent training programs.

24 (g) Uniform amounts of payment for all foster homes according to
25 certification. However, variations in uniform amounts of payments may be
26 allowed for foster homes based on consideration of geographical location or
27 age or mental or physical condition of a foster child.

1 (h) ~~Annual~~ Renewal of licenses of child welfare agencies and foster
2 homes.

3 (i) Form and content of investigations, reports and studies concerning
4 disposition of children and foster home placement.

5 5. Establish a program of counseling and rehabilitation of parents
6 whose children have been placed in foster homes.

7 6. Establish foster parent training programs or contract with other
8 agencies, institutions or groups for the provision of such programs to foster
9 parents. Foster parent training programs shall be established in at least
10 the following areas:

11 (a) Initial and ongoing training as a foster parent for a regular or
12 group foster home.

13 (b) Initial and ongoing training as a foster parent for a special
14 foster home.

15 7. Regulate the importation and exportation of children.

16 8. In conjunction with the department of education and the department
17 of corrections, develop and implement a uniform budget format to be submitted
18 by licensed child welfare agencies. The budget format shall be developed in
19 such a manner that, at a minimum, residential and educational instructional
20 costs are separate and distinct budgetary items.

21 9. Beginning October 1, 1983, establish as a goal that, at any given
22 time, not more than fifty per cent of the total number of children whose
23 maintenance is subsidized by title IV, part E of the social security act, as
24 amended, shall be in foster care in excess of twenty-four consecutive
25 months. The division shall establish through regulations appropriate
26 procedures to achieve the goal.

27 B. Except as provided in section 8-514.01, large group settings for
28 children, group homes for children and child developmental foster homes which
29 have one or more residents who are developmentally disabled clients of the
30 department shall be licensed pursuant to title 36, chapter 5.1, article
31 3. Rules, regulations and standards adopted pursuant to subsection A,
32 paragraph 4 of this section shall not apply to group homes for children or

1 child developmental foster homes licensed pursuant to title 36, chapter 5.1,
2 article 3.

3 Sec. 2. Section 8-509, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

4 8-509. Licensing of foster homes; renewal of license;
5 provisional license

6 A. The division shall license and certify foster homes. Licenses are
7 valid for a period of ~~one-year~~ TWO YEARS.

8 B. The division shall not issue a license without satisfactory proof
9 that the foster parent or parents have completed six actual hours of approved
10 initial foster parent training as set forth in section 8-503 and that each
11 foster parent and each other adult member of the household has a valid
12 fingerprint clearance card issued pursuant to section 41-1758.07. The foster
13 parent and each other adult member of the household must certify on forms
14 that are provided by the division and that are notarized whether the foster
15 parent or other adult member of the household is awaiting trial on or has
16 ever been convicted of any of the criminal offenses listed in section
17 41-1758.07, subsections B and C in this state or similar offenses in another
18 state or jurisdiction.

19 C. The division shall not renew a license without satisfactory proof
20 that the foster parent or parents have completed six actual hours of approved
21 ongoing foster parent training as set forth in section 8-503.

22 D. Notwithstanding the requirements of subsections B and C of this
23 section, if the division determines a condition of hardship to the foster
24 parent or parents, the division may issue a provisional license for a period
25 not to exceed six months. A provisional license may not be renewed.

26 E. Child welfare agencies that submit foster homes for licensing shall
27 conduct an investigation of the foster home pursuant to licensing rules of
28 the division. The division shall conduct investigations of all other foster
29 homes. If the foster home meets all requirements set by the division, the
30 agency shall submit an application stating the foster home's qualifications
31 to the division. The agency may also recommend the types of licensing and
32 certification to be granted to the foster home.

1 F. The division shall accept an adoptive home certification study as a
2 licensing home study if the study has been updated within the past three
3 months to include the information necessary to determine whether the home
4 meets foster care licensing standards.

5 G. This section shall not apply when the child is placed in a home by
6 a means other than by court order and when the home receives no compensation
7 from the state or any political subdivision of the state.

8 H. The division shall not prohibit a person operating a licensed
9 foster home from applying for or receiving compensation as a foster home
10 parent due to employment with the state of Arizona."

11 Amend title to conform

and, as so amended, it do pass

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