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FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2522

(Reference to Senate engrossed House bill)

1 Page 12, between lines 28 and 29, insert:

2 "Sec. 5. Section 8-804.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 8-804.01. Maintenance of reports: records

5 A. All reports of child abuse and neglect and related records shall
6 be maintained in the department's case management information system in
7 accordance with the time frames established in the department's records
8 retention schedule.

9 B. In addition to the purposes prescribed in section 8-807, reports
10 and related records maintained pursuant to subsection A of this section
11 shall be used by the department only for the following purposes:

12 1. To assess the safety and risk to a child when conducting an
13 investigation or identification of abuse or neglect.

14 2. To determine placement for a child ~~that~~, INCLUDING DETERMINING
15 WHAT is the least restrictive setting.

16 3. TO LICENSE FOSTER HOMES, TO CERTIFY ADOPTIVE HOMES OR TO USE IN
17 THE DEPARTMENT'S EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS.

18 ~~3.~~ 4. To determine the type and level of services and treatment
19 provided to the child and the child's family.

20 ~~4.~~ 5. To assist in a criminal investigation or prosecution of
21 child abuse or neglect.

22 ~~5.~~ 6. To meet state and federal reporting requirements.

23 C. Notwithstanding section 8-807 and except as otherwise provided
24 by law, reports and related records maintained pursuant to subsection A of

1 this section shall not be used for purposes of employment or background
2 checks, except for background checks conducted pursuant to section 8-804,
3 subsection B. Only information contained in the central registry may be
4 used to conduct background checks pursuant to section 8-804, subsection B.

5 D. If probable cause exists that abuse or neglect of a child has
6 occurred, the department shall record this finding. The department may
7 make this finding independent of whether a specific person is identified
8 as responsible for the abuse or neglect.

9 E. If the department is unable to locate a child who is the subject
10 of a report of abuse or neglect, the department shall record this finding
11 separate from its other findings.

12 F. Subject to the requirements of sections 8-804 and 8-811,
13 whenever possible, the department shall determine if a specific person is
14 responsible for the abuse or neglect of a child."

15 Renumber to conform

16 Amend title to conform

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