

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2378

(Reference to House engrossed bill)

1 Page 4, strike lines 22 through 43

2 Strike pages 5 through 7, insert "inability to locate

3           A. IF A CHILD IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT IS IN OUT-OF-HOME  
4 CARE AND IS RECEIVING OR IN NEED OF SERVICES PURSUANT TO TITLE 15, CHAPTER  
5 7, ARTICLE 4, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE CHILD'S PUBLIC  
6 EDUCATION AGENCY OF THE NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE CHILD'S  
7 PARENT, AS DEFINED IN 34 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS SECTION 300.30, UNLESS  
8 A COURT HAS ORDERED OTHERWISE.

9           B. IF A PUBLIC EDUCATION AGENCY NOTIFIES THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE  
10 CHILD REQUIRES AN INITIAL EVALUATION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED  
11 SERVICES AND THE PARENT IDENTIFIED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION  
12 CANNOT BE LOCATED OR DOES NOT ATTEMPT TO PARTICIPATE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
13 PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE PUBLIC EDUCATION AGENCY OF A PARENT, AS DEFINED IN 34  
14 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS SECTION 300.30, WHO CAN CONSENT TO OR REFUSE  
15 THE INITIAL EVALUATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 20 UNITED STATES CODE SECTION  
16 1414.

17           C. WHEN THE BIOLOGICAL OR ADOPTIVE PARENT OF THE CHILD ATTEMPTS TO  
18 ACT AS THE PARENT, THE BIOLOGICAL OR ADOPTIVE PARENT IS PRESUMED TO BE THE  
19 PARENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

20           Sec. 4. Section 8-526, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:  
21           8-526. Child welfare; reporting requirements

22           A. The department shall make available program and outcomes data on  
23 its website as provided in this section, in a format that can be downloaded  
24 and that is conducive to analysis.

25           B. The department shall make available the following information on  
26 a semiannual basis by September 30 for the period ending the prior June 30  
27 and by March 31 for the period ending the prior December 31:

28           1. Success in meeting training requirements.

- 1           2. Caseloads for child safety workers.
- 2           3. The number of new reports and reports that have been closed.
- 3           4. The number of case-carrying caseworkers in each region.
- 4           5. The number of investigations by region.
- 5           6. The number of children being served in-home and the number of
- 6 children being served out-of-home by each region.
- 7           7. The total number of reports received, by major category and by
- 8 priority.
- 9           8. The number of reports not responded to, by priority, by county
- 10 and statewide.
- 11           9. The number of reports assigned for investigation by priority and
- 12 by major category, by county and statewide for the current and previous
- 13 reporting periods.
- 14           10. The number of reports for investigations completed by priority
- 15 and by major category, by county and statewide for the current and previous
- 16 reporting periods and as categorized by investigations that resulted in:
- 17           (a) A substantiated report.
- 18           (b) A report currently proposed for substantiation.
- 19           (c) An unsubstantiated report.
- 20           11. The number of reports assigned for investigation that remain
- 21 open for investigation by priority and by major category, by county and
- 22 statewide for the current and previous reporting periods.
- 23           12. Of the number of children reported to the department, the
- 24 percentage of children placed in out-of-home care by county and statewide.
- 25           13. The number of newborn infants delivered to safe haven providers
- 26 pursuant to section 13-3623.01.
- 27           14. The number of children entering out-of-home care by county
- 28 during the reporting period, and the number and percentage of the children
- 29 entering out-of-home care by county during the reporting period who are
- 30 voluntary placements for children under eighteen years of age.

1           15. The number and percentage of children removed during the  
2 reporting period, by county and statewide, who had been in out-of-home  
3 care:

4           (a) Within the previous twelve months.

5           (b) Within the previous twenty-four months, excluding the children  
6 included in subdivision (a) of this paragraph.

7           16. The number and percentage of children who have remained in a  
8 shelter or receiving home for more than twenty-one consecutive days, by the  
9 child's age group.

10          17. The total number of licensed foster homes, the number of  
11 licensed foster homes considered kinship homes, the number of licensed  
12 community foster homes and the number of available spaces in licensed  
13 community foster homes.

14          18. The number of licensed foster homes that receive the required  
15 visitation by licensing agency representatives pursuant to section 8-516.

16          19. The number of children placed in the care, custody and control  
17 of the department at the end of the reporting period and the number of  
18 these children who receive the required visitation by case managers  
19 pursuant to section 8-516.

20          20. The number and percentage of children who are in the care,  
21 custody and control of the department at the end of the reporting period  
22 and who are in out-of-home placement and as categorized by:

23           (a) Age.

24           (b) Ethnicity.

25           (c) Case plan goal.

26           (d) Type of out-of-home placement, categorized by age.

27           (e) Length of time in out-of-home placement of less than thirty  
28 days, thirty-one days to twelve consecutive months, twelve to twenty-four  
29 consecutive months and more than twenty-four consecutive months, including  
30 the median, average and range of the number of out-of-home placements.

31           (f) Primary legal status including voluntary placement for a child  
32 under eighteen years of age, temporary custody, adjudicated dependent, free

1 for adoption, voluntary placement for a child over eighteen years of age,  
2 dually adjudicated or any other legal status.

3 21. If the case plan is to return the child to the parent, the  
4 percentage of parents who receive the required contact by case managers.

5 22. The number and percentage of children who left the custody of  
6 the department during the reporting period by reason for leaving care and  
7 as categorized by:

8 (a) Age.

9 (b) Ethnicity.

10 (c) Number of placements.

11 (d) Average length of time in care.

12 23. The number of children with a petition for termination of  
13 parental rights granted and not granted during the reporting period by  
14 county and statewide.

15 24. The number and percentage of children with a case plan goal of  
16 adoption and who are not placed in an adoptive home at the end of the  
17 reporting period and as categorized by:

18 (a) Age.

19 (b) Ethnicity.

20 (c) Average length of time in care.

21 (d) Legal status.

22 25. The number and percentage of children with a case plan goal of  
23 adoption and who are placed in an adoptive home at the end of the reporting  
24 period and as categorized by:

25 (a) Age.

26 (b) Ethnicity.

27 (c) Average length of time in out-of-home placement.

28 (d) Length of time from change of case plan goal to adoptive  
29 placement.

30 (e) Legal status.

31 (f) Marital status and relationship of the adoptive parent or  
32 parents to the child.

1           26. The number of children whose adoptive placement was disrupted  
2 during the reporting period and as categorized by:

3           (a) Age.

4           (b) Ethnicity.

5           (c) Cause of the disruption.

6           (d) Marital status and relationship of the adoptive parent or  
7 parents to the child.

8           27. The number of children whose adoptions were finalized during the  
9 reporting period and as categorized by:

10          (a) Average length of time in out-of-home placement before adoptive  
11 placement.

12          (b) Average length of time in adoptive placement before the final  
13 order of adoption.

14          (c) Marital status and relationship of the adoptive parent or  
15 parents to the child.

16          28. The number of children who died while in the custody of the  
17 department by the county where the death occurred and as categorized by:

18          (a) The cause of death.

19          (b) The type of out-of-home placement at the time of death.

20          29. The number of children with an open or active child safety  
21 services case who died due to abuse, categorized by the person or persons  
22 who had care or custody of the child at the time of the child's death as  
23 follows:

24          (a) Biological parent or parents.

25          (b) Other family member.

26          (c) Adoptive parent or parents.

27          (d) Foster care parent or parents.

28          (e) Other out-of-home care provider.

29          30. The number of children with an open or active child safety  
30 services case who died due to abuse allegedly caused by an adult household  
31 member who is not listed pursuant to paragraph 29 of this subsection.

32          31. The ratio of supervisors to specialists by region.

1           32. The source and use of federal monies in the department.

2           33. The source and use of state monies in the department.

3           C. Based on the data presented in each reporting period, the  
4 department, in as brief a format as possible, shall describe three to five  
5 major challenges the department faces in achieving the goal of safe,  
6 permanent homes for abused and neglected children.

7           D. Within three months after the end of each reporting period the  
8 department shall submit a written report in as brief a format as possible  
9 to the governor, the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of  
10 representatives, the chairperson of the house human services committee, the  
11 chairperson of the senate family services committee, or their successor  
12 committees, and the cochairpersons of the joint legislative committee on  
13 children and family services. The department shall submit a copy of the  
14 report to the secretary of state.

15           E. The department shall make available the following information on  
16 an annual basis:

17           1. The percentage of substantiations upheld by the office of  
18 administrative hearings.

19           2. The demographics and number of children placed with relative  
20 caregivers.

21           3. The demographics of kinship foster caregivers.

22           4. The number of relative children per kinship foster care family.

23           5. The department's success at maintaining kinship foster care  
24 placements.

25           6. The type and cost of services provided to kinship foster care  
26 families by licensed and unlicensed caregivers.

27           7. The cost of services provided to kinship foster caregivers  
28 compared to the cost of out-of-home placements.

29           8. The number of children and families, by district, receiving  
30 services through the housing assistance program during the previous fiscal  
31 year.

1           9. The total amount of money spent on the housing assistance program  
2 by region.

3           10. A programmatic and fiscal evaluation of the effectiveness of the  
4 housing assistance program that includes the amount of foster care  
5 expenditures avoided.

6           11. The number of children in the independent living program by age,  
7 county and education status.

8           12. BEGINNING WITH THE 2022 DATA PERIOD, THE STATEWIDE NUMBER OF  
9 CHILDREN IN SUBSTANTIATED REPORTS FOR INVESTIGATION THAT ARE RECEIVED IN  
10 THE TWELVE MONTHS BEFORE THE CURRENT ANNUAL REPORTING PERIOD AND THAT  
11 ALLEGE NEGLECT AS DEFINED IN SECTION 8-201, PARAGRAPH 25, SUBSECTION (c)  
12 AND THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN THESE REPORTS WHO WERE:

13           (a) REMOVED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE REPORT IS  
14 RECEIVED.

15           (b) REMOVED WITHIN SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DATE THE REPORT IS RECEIVED.

16           F. The department shall make available the following information on  
17 a monthly basis:

18           1. Operations and workforce data measures that include:

19           (a) Staff vacancy levels by position category and turnover.

20           (b) New hires, separations, turnover and voluntary attrition  
21 delineated by field position, safety specialists, hotline staff,  
22 caseworkers in training, program, program supervisors, case aides, office  
23 of child welfare investigations staff and administrative staff.

24           (c) Hotline performance.

25           (d) Reports received by maltreatment type, priority and response  
26 time.

27           (e) Inactive cases by disposition.

28           (f) Open reports.

29           (g) Entries and exits from the foster care population by exit type.

30           (h) Support service provision.

31           (i) Demographics, placement types and case plan goals of the foster  
32 care population.

1 (j) The number and type of licensed foster homes that leave the  
2 foster care system and the reason for the exit.

3 2. Financial data that compares total expenditures each month and  
4 year-to-date as compared to prior year totals, appropriation totals and  
5 projected expenditure totals, delineated by appropriation and appropriated  
6 fund source.

7 G. The department shall make the information required pursuant to  
8 subsection ~~B or~~ F of this section available within sixty days after the end  
9 of the applicable reporting period.

10 H. The department shall notify the president of the senate, the  
11 speaker of the house of representatives, the director of the joint  
12 legislative budget committee and the director of the governor's office of  
13 strategic planning and budgeting when an update is made on information that  
14 must be made available pursuant to subsection B or F of this section."

15 Amend title to conform

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