

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2439

(Reference to printed bill)

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

2 "Section 1. Title 8, chapter 4, article 4, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
3 is amended by adding section 8-526.01, to read:

4 8-526.01. Missing children; reporting requirements;  
5 definitions

6 A. FOR EACH SIX-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1 OR JULY 1, THE  
7 DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE:

8 1. FOR RUNAWAY CHILDREN, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

9 (a) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN WHO WERE ON RUNAWAY STATUS ON  
10 THE LAST DAY OF THE PRIOR REPORTING PERIOD.

11 (b) THE NUMBER OF NEW RUNAWAY EPISODES INITIATED DURING THE CURRENT  
12 REPORTING PERIOD.

13 (c) THE NUMBER OF TIMES CHILDREN RETURN FROM A RUNAWAY EPISODE  
14 DURING THE CURRENT REPORTING PERIOD.

15 (d) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN ON RUNAWAY STATUS ON THE LAST  
16 DAY OF THE CURRENT REPORTING PERIOD.

17 (e) OF TOTAL CARE DAYS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, THE PERCENTAGE  
18 OF CARE DAYS ASSOCIATED WITH CHILDREN ON RUNAWAY STATUS.

19 (f) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN ON RUNAWAY STATUS ON THE LAST  
20 DAY OF THE REPORTING PERIOD BY CATEGORIES OF LENGTH OF TIME ON RUNAWAY  
21 STATUS.

22 (g) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN ON RUNAWAY STATUS ON THE LAST  
23 DAY OF THE REPORTING PERIOD, BY AGE.

1 (h) THE PLACEMENT LOCATION FROM WHICH A CHILD RAN AWAY, INCLUDING  
2 ALL LICENSED FOSTER HOMES, NONLICENSED KINSHIP PLACEMENTS, GROUP HOMES OR  
3 OTHER PLACEMENTS.

4 (i) THE NUMBER OF RUNAWAY CHILDREN WHO HAVE RETURNED DURING THE  
5 REPORTING PERIOD.

6 2. FOR ABDUCTED CHILDREN, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

7 (a) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN WHO WERE ON ABDUCTED STATUS ON  
8 THE LAST DAY OF THE PRIOR REPORTING PERIOD.

9 (b) THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO WERE ABDUCTED DURING THE CURRENT  
10 REPORTING PERIOD.

11 (c) THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN RETURNED TO CARE DURING THE CURRENT  
12 REPORTING PERIOD FROM ABDUCTED STATUS.

13 (d) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN ON ABDUCTED STATUS ON THE LAST  
14 DAY OF THE CURRENT REPORTING PERIOD.

15 (e) OF TOTAL CARE DAYS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, THE PERCENTAGE  
16 OF CARE DAYS ASSOCIATED WITH CHILDREN ON ABDUCTED STATUS.

17 (f) THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO WERE ON ABDUCTED STATUS ON THE LAST  
18 DAY OF THE REPORTING PERIOD BY CATEGORIES OF LENGTH OF TIME ON CURRENT  
19 ABDUCTED STATUS AND BY AGE.

20 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DO BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

21 1. MAKE THE INFORMATION PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION  
22 AVAILABLE WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD.

23 2. NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
24 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE GOVERNOR EACH TIME THE INFORMATION PRESCRIBED IN  
25 SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION IS MADE AVAILABLE.

26 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

27 1. "ABDUCTED CHILD" MEANS A CHILD WHO IS TAKEN, ENTICED OR KEPT FROM  
28 THE LAWFUL CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OR WHO ANOTHER PERSON INTENTIONALLY  
29 FAILS OR REFUSES TO RETURN OR IMPEDES THE IMMEDIATE RETURN TO THE  
30 DEPARTMENT.

1           2. "CARE DAYS" MEANS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS SPENT IN OUT-OF-HOME  
2 CARE FOR EACH CHILD WHO WAS IN CARE FOR AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS DURING  
3 THE CURRENT REPORTING PERIOD.

4           3. "INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN" MEANS THE COUNT OF CHILDREN WITHOUT  
5 COUNTING THE SAME CHILD MORE THAN ONCE.

6           4. "RUNAWAY STATUS" MEANS THE STATUS OF A CHILD WHO HAS VOLUNTARILY  
7 AND WITHOUT CONSENT LEFT THE PLACEMENT LOCATION FOR AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR  
8 HOURS WITHOUT THE INTENT TO RETURN.

9           Sec. 2. Delayed repeal

10           Section 8-526.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act, is  
11 repealed from and after December 31, 2026.

12           Sec. 3. Initial missing children report

13           The first reporting period for which the department of child safety  
14 shall make information available pursuant to section 8-526.01, Arizona  
15 Revised Statutes, as added by this act, is January 1, 2022 through June 30,  
16 2022."

17 Amend title to conform

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