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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 8-526, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE
AND PLACEMENT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 8-526, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 8-526. Child welfare; reporting requirements

5 A. The department shall compile the following information on a
6 semiannual basis ending March 31 and September 30 of each year:

7 1. The total number of reports received, by major category and by
8 priority. The report shall include a description of some of those incoming
9 communications determined not to meet the criteria of a report as chosen by a
10 random sample.

11 2. The number of reports not responded to, by priority, by county and
12 statewide. The report shall include a description of some of these cases as
13 chosen by random sample.

14 3. The number of reports ~~responded to~~ ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION by
15 priority and by major category, by county and statewide FOR THE CURRENT AND
16 PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIODS.

17 4. ~~The number of reports with a substantiated finding after~~
18 ~~investigation, by priority, by county and statewide, that resulted in:~~

19 ~~(a) The case being closed after an investigation.~~

20 ~~(b) In home services being provided after an investigation.~~

21 ~~(c) Out of home services being provided after an investigation.~~

22 4. THE NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETED BY PRIORITY AND BY MAJOR
23 CATEGORY, BY COUNTY AND STATEWIDE FOR THE CURRENT AND PREVIOUS REPORTING
24 PERIODS AND AS CATEGORIZED BY INVESTIGATIONS THAT RESULTED IN:

25 (a) A SUBSTANTIATED REPORT.

26 (b) A REPORT CURRENTLY PROPOSED FOR SUBSTANTIATION.

27 (c) AN UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORT.

28 5. THE NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION THAT REMAIN OPEN
29 FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIORITY AND BY MAJOR CATEGORY, BY COUNTY AND STATEWIDE
30 FOR THE CURRENT AND PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIODS.

31 6. OF THE NUMBER OF REPORTS ASSIGNED FOR INVESTIGATION, THE PERCENTAGE
32 OF REPORTS THAT RESULTED IN A CHILD BEING PLACED IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY
33 COUNTY AND STATEWIDE.

34 ~~5-~~ 7. The number of newborn infants delivered to safe haven providers
35 pursuant to section 13-3623.01.

36 ~~6-~~ 8. The number of children entering out-of-home care by county
37 during the reporting period, and the number and percentage of the children
38 entering out-of-home care by county during the reporting period who are
39 voluntary placements for children under eighteen years of age.

40 ~~7-~~ ~~The number of direct client service positions that are vacant at~~
41 ~~the end of the reporting period.~~

42 9. THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN REMOVED DURING THE REPORTING
43 PERIOD, BY COUNTY AND STATEWIDE, WHO HAD BEEN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE:

44 (a) WITHIN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS.

45 (b) WITHIN THE PREVIOUS TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS, EXCLUDING THE CHILDREN
46 INCLUDED IN SUBDIVISION (a) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

- 1 ~~8-~~ 10. The number and percentage of children who have remained in a
2 shelter or receiving home for more than twenty-one consecutive days, by the
3 child's age group.
- 4 ~~9-~~ 11. The number and type of licensed foster homes and the number of
5 licensed and available spaces in those homes.
- 6 ~~10-~~ 12. The number and type of licensed foster homes that leave the
7 foster care system and the reason for the exit.
- 8 ~~11-~~ 13. The number of licensed foster homes that receive the required
9 visitation by case managers pursuant to section 8-516.
- 10 ~~12-~~ 14. The number of children placed in the care, custody and control
11 of the department at the end of the reporting period and the number of these
12 children who receive the required visitation by case managers pursuant to
13 section 8-516.
- 14 ~~13-~~ 15. The number and percentage of children who are in the care,
15 custody and control of the department at the end of the reporting period and
16 who are in out-of-home placement and as categorized by:
- 17 (a) Age.
- 18 (b) Ethnicity.
- 19 (c) Case plan goal.
- 20 (d) Type of out-of-home placement, CATEGORIZED BY AGE.
- 21 (e) Length of time in out-of-home placement of less than thirty days,
22 thirty-one days to twelve consecutive months, twelve to twenty-four
23 consecutive months and more than twenty-four consecutive months, INCLUDING
24 THE MEDIAN, AVERAGE AND RANGE OF THE NUMBER OF OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENTS.
- 25 (f) Primary legal status including voluntary placement for a child
26 under eighteen years of age, temporary custody, adjudicated dependent, free
27 for adoption, voluntary placement for a child over eighteen years of age,
28 dually adjudicated or any other legal status.
- 29 ~~14-~~ 16. If the case plan is to return the child to the parent, the
30 percentage of parents who receive the required contact by case managers.
- 31 ~~15-~~ 17. The number and percentage of children who left the custody of
32 the department during the reporting period by reason for leaving care and as
33 categorized by:
- 34 (a) Age.
- 35 (b) Ethnicity.
- 36 (c) Number of placements.
- 37 (d) Average length of time in care.
- 38 18. THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL
39 RIGHTS GRANTED AND NOT GRANTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD BY COUNTY AND
40 STATEWIDE.
- 41 ~~16-~~ 19. The number and percentage of children with a case plan goal of
42 adoption and who are not placed in an adoptive home at the end of the
43 reporting period and as categorized by:
- 44 (a) Age.
- 45 (b) Ethnicity.
- 46 (c) Average length of time in care.

1 (d) Legal status.

2 ~~17-~~ 20. The number and percentage of children with a case plan goal of
3 adoption and who are placed in an adoptive home at the end of the reporting
4 period and as categorized by:

5 (a) Age.

6 (b) Ethnicity.

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

8 (d) Length of time from change of case plan goal to adoptive
9 placement.

10 (e) Legal status.

11 ~~18-~~ 21. The number of children whose adoptions were finalized during
12 the reporting period and as categorized by:

13 (a) Average length of time in out-of-home placement before adoptive
14 placement.

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

17 22. THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO DIED WHILE IN THE CUSTODY OF THE
18 DEPARTMENT BY THE COUNTY WHERE THE DEATH OCCURRED AND AS CATEGORIZED BY:

19 (a) THE CAUSE OF DEATH.

20 (b) THE TYPE OF OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT AT THE TIME OF DEATH.

21 23. THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH AN OPEN OR ACTIVE CHILD PROTECTIVE
22 SERVICES CASE WHO DIED DUE TO ABUSE, CATEGORIZED BY THE PERSON OR PERSONS WHO
23 HAD CARE OR CUSTODY OF THE CHILD AT THE TIME OF THE CHILD'S DEATH AS 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 24. THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH AN OPEN OR ACTIVE CHILD PROTECTIVE
30 SERVICES CASE WHO DIED DUE TO ABUSE ALLEGEDLY CAUSED BY AN ADULT HOUSEHOLD
31 MEMBER WHO IS NOT LISTED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 23 OF THIS SUBSECTION.

32 B. BASED ON THE DATA PRESENTED IN EACH REPORTING PERIOD, THE
33 DEPARTMENT SHALL, IN AS BRIEF A FORMAT AS POSSIBLE, DESCRIBE THREE TO FIVE
34 MAJOR CHALLENGES THE DEPARTMENT FACES IN ACHIEVING THE GOAL OF SAFE,
35 PERMANENT HOMES FOR ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

36 ~~B-~~ C. Within three months after the end of each reporting period the
37 department shall submit a written report in as brief a format as possible to
38 the governor, the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of
39 representatives, the chairperson of the house human services committee, the
40 chairperson of the senate family services committee, or their successor
41 committees, and the cochairpersons of the joint legislative committee on
42 children and family services. The department shall submit a copy of the
43 report to the secretary of state and the director of the Arizona state
44 library, archives and public records.

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