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CHAPTER 56

SENATE BILL 1306

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 8-817, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CHILD
PROTECTIVE SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 8-817, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 8-817. Initial screening and safety assessment and
5 investigation protocols; investigations; disclosure of
6 information

7 A. The department shall develop initial screening and safety
8 assessment protocols in consultation with the attorney general and statewide
9 with county attorneys, chiefs of police, sheriffs, medical experts, victims'
10 rights advocates, domestic violence victim advocates and mandatory reporters.
11 Any initial screening and safety assessment tools shall be based on sound
12 methodology and shall ensure valid and reliable responses. The department
13 shall establish written policies and procedures to implement the use of the
14 initial screening and safety assessment protocols.

15 B. In each county, the county attorney, the sheriff, the chief law
16 enforcement officer for each municipality in the county and the department
17 shall develop and implement protocols for cooperation in investigations of
18 allegations involving extremely serious conduct. The protocols shall
19 include:

20 1. The process for notification of receipt of extremely serious
21 conduct allegations.

22 2. The standards for interdisciplinary investigations of specific
23 types of abuse and neglect, including timely forensic medical evaluations.

24 3. The standards for interdisciplinary investigations involving native
25 American children in compliance with the Indian child welfare act.

26 4. Procedures for sharing information.

27 5. Procedures for coordination of screening, response and
28 investigation with other involved professional disciplines and notification
29 of case status.

30 6. The training required for the involved child protective service
31 workers, law enforcement officers and prosecutors to execute the
32 investigation protocols, including forensic interviewing skills.

33 7. The process to ensure review of and compliance with the
34 investigation protocols and the reporting of activity under the protocols.

35 8. Procedures for an annual report to be transmitted within forty-five
36 days after the end of each fiscal year to the governor, the speaker of the
37 house of representatives and the president of the senate.

38 9. Procedures for dispute resolution.

39 C. The department, the appropriate county attorney and the appropriate
40 law enforcement agency shall cooperate in the investigation of every
41 extremely serious conduct allegation in accordance with the investigation
42 protocols established pursuant to this section. BEFORE IT RELEASES RECORDS
43 IT RECEIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO AN INVESTIGATION, THE LAW
44 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL TAKE WHATEVER PRECAUTIONS IT DETERMINES ARE
45 REASONABLY NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY AND SAFETY OF A PERSON WHO

1 REPORTS CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT AND TO PROTECT ANY OTHER PERSON THE AGENCY
2 BELIEVES COULD BE ENDANGERED BY THE DISCLOSURE OF THE CPS INFORMATION. THE
3 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IS NOT REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE CPS INFORMATION IF THE
4 DISCLOSURE WOULD COMPROMISE THE INTEGRITY OF A CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES OR
5 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 16, 2007.

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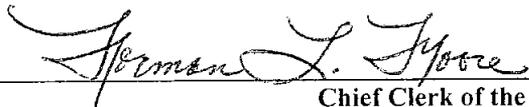
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by the following vote: 56 Ayes,

0 Nays, 4 Not Voting



Speaker of the House

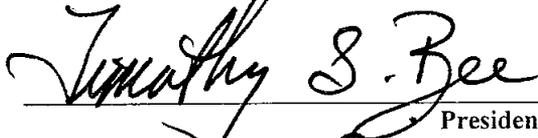


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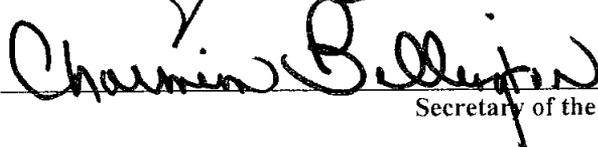
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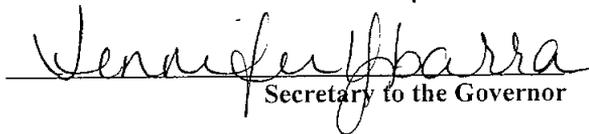
Secretary of the Senate

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This Bill was received by the Governor this

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Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 16 day of

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at 2⁰⁰ o'clock P. M.

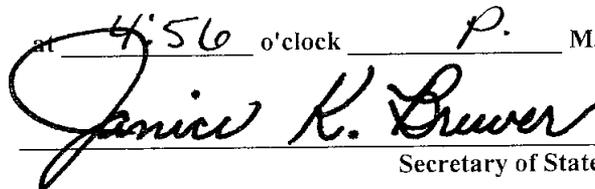


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