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CHAPTER 198

HOUSE BILL 2047

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 8-822, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO REMOVAL OF CHILDREN.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 8-822, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 8-822. Removal of child from home; rules and policies;
5 approval; definition

6 A. The department shall adopt rules and establish clear policies and
7 procedures, where appropriate, to:

8 1. Determine the circumstances under which it is appropriate to remove
9 a child from the custody of the child's parents, guardian or custodian.

10 2. Ensure the immediate notification of the child's parents, guardian
11 or custodian regarding the removal of the child from home, school or child
12 care and the timely interview of the child and the child's parent, guardian
13 or custodian.

14 B. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT
15 MAY NOT REMOVE A CHILD FROM THE CUSTODY OF THE CHILD'S PARENTS, GUARDIAN OR
16 CUSTODIAN UNLESS BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING OCCUR BEFORE THE REMOVAL:

17 1. THE CHILD SAFETY WORKER WHO IS RECOMMENDING THE REMOVAL SUBMITS THE
18 REASONS FOR REMOVAL AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION TO THE WORKER'S SUPERVISOR.

19 2. THE WORKER'S SUPERVISOR REVIEWS THE REASONS AND SUPPORTING
20 INFORMATION AND APPROVES THE REMOVAL.

21 C. IF AN EMERGENCY EXISTS AFFECTING THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF A CHILD, A
22 CHILD SAFETY WORKER MAY REMOVE THE CHILD BEFORE NOTIFYING THE WORKER'S
23 SUPERVISOR. THE CHILD SAFETY WORKER SHALL SUBMIT THE REASONS FOR REMOVAL AND
24 SUPPORTING INFORMATION TO THE WORKER'S SUPERVISOR FOR THE SUPERVISOR'S REVIEW
25 AND APPROVAL WITHIN TWO HOURS AFTER THE REMOVAL OF THE CHILD OR, IF THE
26 REMOVAL OCCURS AFTER REGULAR WORKING HOURS, BY 8:30 A.M. THE NEXT DAY.

27 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "SUPERVISOR" INCLUDES THE
28 PERMANENT SUPERVISOR OF A CHILD SAFETY WORKER AND A TEMPORARY SUPERVISOR
29 ASSIGNED TO THE CHILD SAFETY WORKER IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PERMANENT
30 SUPERVISOR.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 6, 2015.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 7, 2015.

Passed the House February 26, 20 15

Passed the Senate March 30, 20 15

by the following vote: 35 Ayes,

by the following vote: 23 Ayes,

23 Nays, 2 Not Voting

1 Nays, 1 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

31st day of March, 20 15

at 12:22 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 6th day of

April

at 1:41 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]
Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State
this 7th 31st day of March April, 20 15 KF

at 11:00 o'clock 8:00 A A M.

[Signature]
Secretary of State

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