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MICHELE REAGAN
SECRETARY OF STATE

CHAPTER 291

HOUSE BILL 2270

AN ACT

PRESCRIBING CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY AND PRIVATE CONTRACTORS TO ADMINISTER BACKLOG CASES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Department of child safety; private contractors;

3 backlog cases; delayed repeal; definition

4 A. The department of child safety shall enter into one or more
5 contracts with one or more private contractors to work cooperatively with the
6 department to administer backlog cases as provided in this section. A
7 contract may include the use of an analytic support tool to be used by the
8 contractor or the department, or both, to assist in making a risk assessment.
9 Notwithstanding title 41, chapter 23, Arizona Revised Statutes, the department
10 shall use emergency procurements to enter into the contracts, except that the
11 procurements shall be made with as much competition as is practicable,
12 including using expedited requests for proposals. All contract awards shall
13 be reported to the joint legislative budget committee.

14 B. Except as provided in subsection D of this section, in
15 administering backlog cases, the private contractor or contractors shall
16 complete all aspects of each case needed to be performed according to
17 department rules and policies and this section. The department shall
18 maintain direct supervision of all cases.

19 C. The department shall review each report and identify the tasks to
20 be completed by department employees and by the private contractor. When a
21 private contractor completes the tasks assigned, the private contractor shall
22 return the case to the department to determine if any additional work needs
23 to be done on the case.

24 D. If a private contractor has a reasonable belief that grounds for
25 removal pursuant to section 8-821, Arizona Revised Statutes, exist, the
26 private contractor shall:

- 27 1. Immediately contact the designated department supervisor.
- 28 2. Contact law enforcement as appropriate.
- 29 3. Take other actions necessary to ensure the child's safety.

30 E. A contractor and its employees shall protect any DCS information
31 received as prescribed in section 8-807, Arizona Revised Statutes.

32 F. The department shall report to the joint legislative budget
33 committee within thirty days after each calendar quarter the status of all
34 backlog cases as of the end of that calendar quarter.

35 G. This section is repealed from and after June 30, 2017.

36 H. For the purposes of this section, "backlog case":

- 37 1. Means any nonactive case for which documentation has not been
38 entered in the child welfare automated system for at least sixty days and for
39 which services have not been authorized for at least sixty days or any case
40 that has had an investigation, has been referred to other units and has had
41 no contact for at least sixty days.

1 2. Includes any case for which the investigation has been open without
2 any documentation or contact for at least sixty days, any case involving
3 in-home services for which there has been no contact or services authorized
4 for at least sixty days or any case involving foster care in which there has
5 been no contact or any documentation entered in the child welfare automated
6 system for at least sixty days.
7 Sec. 2. Emergency
8 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
9 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
10 law.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 17, 2016.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY 17, 2016.

Passed the House February 4, 2016

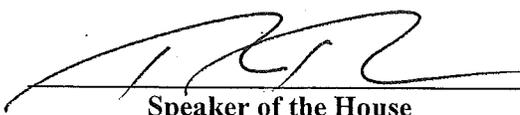
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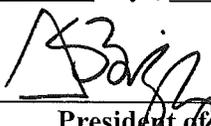
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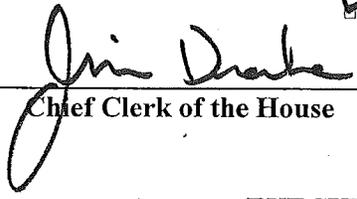


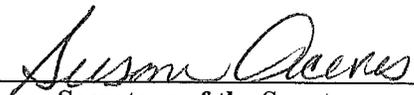
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Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Pro Tempore





Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

_____ day of _____, 20

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary to the Governor

Approved this _____ day of

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
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this _____ day of _____, 20

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Secretary of State

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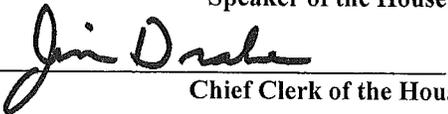
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May 6, 2016,

by the following vote: 55 Ayes,

0 Nays, 5 Not Voting


Speaker of the House

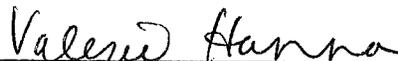

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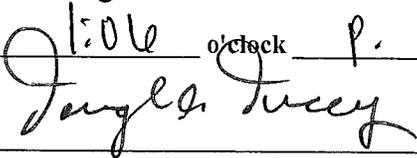
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Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 17th day of

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at 1:06 o'clock P. M.


Governor of Arizona

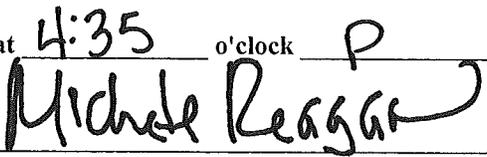
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
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This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this 17th day of May, 2016,

at 4:35 o'clock P. M.


Secretary of State