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SENATE BILL 1108

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 8-509, 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 8-509, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 8-509. Licensing of foster homes; renewal of license;
5 provisional license; exemption from licensure;
6 immunization requirements

7 A. The division shall license and certify foster homes. Licenses are
8 valid for a period of one year.

9 B. The division shall not issue a license without satisfactory proof
10 that the foster parent or parents have completed six actual hours of approved
11 initial foster parent training as set forth in section 8-503 and that each
12 foster parent and each other adult member of the household has a valid
13 fingerprint clearance card issued pursuant to section 41-1758.07. The foster
14 parent and each other adult member of the household must certify on forms
15 that are provided by the division and that are notarized whether the foster
16 parent or other adult member of the household is awaiting trial on or has
17 ever been convicted of any of the criminal offenses listed in section
18 41-1758.07, subsections B and C in this state or similar offenses in another
19 state or jurisdiction.

20 C. The division shall not renew a license without satisfactory proof
21 that the foster parent or parents have completed six actual hours of approved
22 ongoing foster parent training as set forth in section 8-503.

23 D. Notwithstanding the requirements of subsections B and C of this
24 section, if the division determines a condition of hardship to the foster
25 parent or parents, the division may issue a provisional license for a period
26 not to exceed six months. A provisional license may not be renewed.

27 E. Child welfare agencies that submit foster homes for licensing shall
28 conduct an investigation of the foster home pursuant to licensing rules of
29 the division. The division shall conduct investigations of all other foster
30 homes. If the foster home meets all requirements set by the division, the
31 agency shall submit an application stating the foster home's qualifications
32 to the division. The agency may also recommend the types of licensing and
33 certification to be granted to the foster home.

34 F. The division shall accept an adoptive home certification study as a
35 licensing home study if the study has been updated within the past three
36 months to include the information necessary to determine whether the home
37 meets foster care licensing standards.

38 G. This section ~~shall~~ DOES not apply ~~when~~ IF the child is placed in a
39 home by a means other than by court order and ~~when~~ IF the home ~~receives no~~
40 DOES NOT RECEIVE compensation from ~~the~~ THIS state or any political
41 subdivision of ~~the~~ THIS state.

1 H. The division ~~shall~~ DOES not prohibit a person operating a licensed
2 foster home from applying for or receiving compensation as a foster home
3 parent due to employment with ~~the~~ THIS state ~~of Arizona~~.

4 I. THE DIVISION SHALL NOT REQUIRE A FOSTER PARENT TO IMMUNIZE THE
5 FOSTER PARENT'S NATURAL OR ADOPTIVE CHILDREN AS A CONDITION OF FOSTER HOME
6 LICENSURE.

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.