

2-5-16

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILY AFFAIRS

Report of Regular Meeting
Monday, February 1, 2016
House Hearing Room 5 -- 2:00 p.m.

Convened 2:36 p.m.

Recessed

Reconvened

Adjourned 2:50 p.m.

Members Present

Mr. Ackerley
Mrs. Cobb
Mrs. Gonzales
Mr. Mendez
Ms. Rios
Ms. Townsend
Mrs. Brophy McGee, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Allen J., Chairman

Members Absent

Mr. Lovas

Agenda

Original Agenda – Attachment 1

Request to Speak

Report – Attachment 2

Presentations

None

Committee Action

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Attachments (Summaries, Amendments, Roll Call, Attendance)</u>
HB2269	DP	8-0-0-1	3, 4
HB2418	DP	8-0-0-1	5, 6
Committee Attendance			7



Sierra Orozco, Chairman Assistant

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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Bills

Short Title

Strike Everything Title

HB2269	<u>DP</u>	DCS; child abuse; neglect; reports (Allen J)
	<u>8-0-0-1</u>	CFA, RULES
HB2418	<u>DP</u>	preadoption certification investigation (Allen J)
	<u>8-0-0-1</u>	CFA, RULES
→ HB2442	_____	behavioral health; urgent need; children (Farnsworth E, Alston, Benally, et al)
	_____	CFA, RULES
HB2522	_____	DCS; intake hotline; reports (Brophy McGee, Carter, Allen J, et al)
	_____	CFA, RULES

ORDER OF BILLS TO BE SET BY THE CHAIRMAN

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Information Registered on the Request to Speak System

House Children and Family Affairs (2/1/2016)

HB2269, DCS; child abuse; neglect; reports

Testified in support:

Joshua Tucker, ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY

Support:

Bahney Dedolph, representing self

HB2418, preadoption certification investigation

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HB 2269

DCS; child abuse; neglect; reports

Prime Sponsor: Representative Allen J, LD 15

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OVERVIEW

HB 2269 allows information from the Department of Child Safety's (DCS) case management information system to be used by DCS in licensing foster homes, certifying adoptive homes or in DCS' employment decisions.

PROVISIONS

1. Allows DCS to utilize information from the Children's Information Library and Data Source (CHILDS) in licensing foster homes, certifying adoptive homes or in DCS' employment decisions.
2. Makes conforming changes.

CURRENT LAW

A.R.S § 8-804.01 states that all reports of abuse and neglect and related records shall be maintained in CHILDS. In addition, reports and related records must be used by DCS only for assessing the safety and risk to a child when conducting an investigation or identification of abuse or neglect, determining placement for a child that is the least restrictive setting, determining the type and level of services and treatment provided to the child and the child's family, assisting in criminal investigation prosecution of child abuse or neglect and meeting the state and federal reporting requirements.

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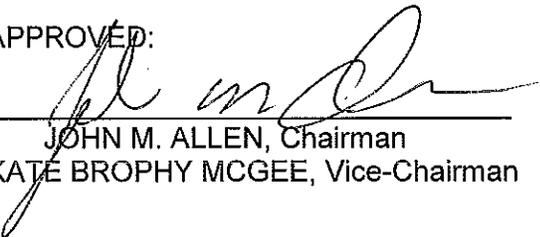
ROLL CALL VOTE

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILY AFFAIRS BILL NO. H.B. 2269

DATE January 25, 2016 MOTION: DP

	PASS	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Ackerley		✓			
Mrs. Cobb		✓			
Mrs. Gonzales		✓			
Mr. Lovas					✓
Mr. Mendez		✓			
Ms. Rios		✓			
Ms. Townsend		✓			
Mrs. Brophy McGee, Vice-Chairman		✓			
Mr. Allen J, Chairman		✓			
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APPROVED:



 JOHN M. ALLEN, Chairman
 KATE BROPHY MCGEE, Vice-Chairman



 COMMITTEE SECRETARY

ATTACHMENT 4



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HB 2418

preadoption certification investigation
Prime Sponsor: Representative Allen J, LD 15

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OVERVIEW

HB 2418 allows a child welfare agency licensed and contracted by the Department of Child Safety (DCS) to conduct an investigation of any prospective adoptive parent before that parent can become certified to adopt a child. Conforms current investigation requirements to include a child welfare agency.

PROVISIONS

1. Allows a child welfare agency licensed and contracted by the DCS to conduct an investigation of any prospective adoptive parent before that parent can become certified to adopt a child.
2. Permits a written application for adoption certification to be sent to a child welfare agency in the form and content required by that agency.
3. Requires a child welfare agency, upon receiving and accepting a written application of the prospective adoptive parent or parents, to conduct or cause to be conducted an investigation of the prospective parent
4. Requires the child welfare agency to submit a report to the juvenile court within 90 days of the original application, containing all relevant and material facts of the prospective parent's fitness to adopt children, including statutorily required information, and a definite recommendation for certifying the applicant.
5. Prohibits an applicant deemed nonacceptable to reapply for certification to the child welfare agency for one year.
6. Stipulates that a child welfare agency must only submit an updated report if an applicant has adopted a child within the preceding three years before the current application, and may only submit an updated report if the applicant has adopted another child more than three years before the current application.
7. Makes technical changes.

CURRENT LAW

A.R.S. § 8-105 requires that any prospective adoptive parent be investigated by an officer of the court, an agency or DCS before they can become certified as acceptable to adopt children. Written applications for certification are required to be sent to the court, an agency, or DCS.

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ROLL CALL VOTE

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILY AFFAIRS BILL NO. HB2418

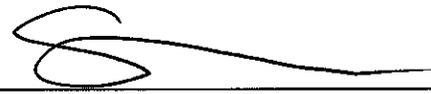
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Mr. Allen J, Chairman		✓			
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APPROVED:



 JOHN M. ALLEN, Chairman
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ATTACHMENT 6

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COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE RECORD

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILY AFFAIRS

CHAIRMAN: John M. Allen VICE-CHAIRMAN: Kate Brophy McGee

DATE	02/01/16	/16	/16	/16	/16
CONVENED	2:36pm	m	m	m	m
RECESSED					
RECONVENED					
ADJOURNED	2:50pm				
MEMBERS					
Mr. Ackerley	✓				
Mrs. Cobb	✓				
Mrs. Gonzales	✓				
Mr. Lovas	---				
Mr. Mendez	✓				
Ms. Rios	✓				
Ms. Townsend	✓				
Mrs. Brophy McGee, Vice-Chairman	✓				
Mr. Allen J, Chairman	✓				

√ Present --- Absent exc Excused