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**CHAPTER 134**  
**HOUSE BILL 2260**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 8-102, 8-103, 8-105, 8-342, 8-509, 8-515.01, 8-515.03 AND 8-515.04, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; REPEALING SECTION 41-3016.08, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 27, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 41-3024.16; RELATING TO CHILD SAFETY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 8-102, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 8-102. Who may be adopted

5 A. Except as provided in title 14, chapter 8 AND SUBSECTION B OF THIS  
6 SECTION, only a child, or a foreign-born person who is twenty-one years of  
7 age or less and who is not an illegal alien, who is present within this state  
8 at the time the petition for adoption is filed may be adopted.

9 B. A DEPENDENT CHILD IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE PRESENT IN THIS STATE AT  
10 THE TIME THE PETITION FOR ADOPTION IS FILED IF THE CRITERIA PRESCRIBED IN  
11 SECTION 8-103, SUBSECTION B ARE MET.

12 Sec. 2. Section 8-103, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

13 8-103. Who may adopt

14 A. Any adult resident of this state, whether married, unmarried or  
15 legally separated, is eligible to qualify to adopt children. A husband and  
16 wife may jointly adopt children.

17 B. AN ADULT NONRESIDENT OF THIS STATE, WHETHER MARRIED, UNMARRIED OR  
18 LEGALLY SEPARATED, IS ELIGIBLE TO QUALIFY TO ADOPT A CHILD IF ALL OF THE  
19 FOLLOWING APPLY:

20 1. THE CHILD IS A DEPENDENT CHILD AND CURRENTLY UNDER THE JURISDICTION  
21 OF THE JUVENILE COURT IN THIS STATE.

22 2. THE CHILD CURRENTLY RESIDES IN THE HOME OF THE APPLICANT.

23 3. THE DEPARTMENT PLACED THE CHILD IN THE HOME OF THE APPLICANT  
24 PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-548.

25 4. THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS THE ADOPTION OF THE CHILD BY THE  
26 APPLICANT.

27 5. THE FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD HAS REVIEWED THE CHILD'S CASE AS  
28 REQUIRED BY SECTION 8-515.03, EXCEPT THAT THE COURT MAY NOT DELAY THE CHILD'S  
29 ADOPTION IF THE FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD HAS NOT REVIEWED THE CHILD'S CASE.

30 ~~B-~~ C. Pursuant to rules adopted by the ~~division~~ DEPARTMENT, the  
31 ~~division~~ DEPARTMENT or adoption agency shall place a child in an adoptive  
32 home that best meets the safety, social, emotional, physical and mental  
33 health needs of the child. Other relevant factors for consideration, in no  
34 order of preference, shall include:

35 1. The marital status, ~~—~~ AND THE length and stability of the marital  
36 relationship of the prospective adoptive parents.

37 2. Placement with the child's siblings pursuant to section 8-862.

38 3. Established relationships between the child and the prospective  
39 adoptive family as described in section 8-862, including placement with a  
40 grandparent or another member of the child's extended family, including a  
41 person or foster parent who has a significant relationship with the child.

42 4. The prospective adoptive family's ability to meet the child's  
43 safety, social, emotional, physical and mental health needs and the ability  
44 to financially provide for the child.

45 5. The wishes of the child who is twelve years of age or older.

1           6. The wishes of the child's birth parents unless the rights of the  
2 parent have been terminated or the court has established a case plan of  
3 severance and adoption.

4           7. The availability of relatives, the child's current or former foster  
5 parents or other significant persons to provide support to the prospective  
6 adoptive family and child.

7           ~~C.~~ D. If all relevant factors are equal and the choice is between a  
8 married man and woman certified to adopt and a single adult certified to  
9 adopt, placement preference shall be with a married man and woman.

10          ~~D.~~ E. In each adoption proceeding, the court shall make findings on  
11 the record regarding the best interests of the child pursuant to law.

12          Sec. 3. Section 8-105, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

13          8-105. Preadoption certification; investigation; central  
14                 adoption registry

15          A. Before any prospective adoptive parent may petition to adopt a  
16 child the person shall be certified by the court as acceptable to adopt  
17 children. A certificate shall be issued only after an investigation  
18 conducted by an officer of the court, by an agency, ~~or~~ by the ~~division~~  
19 ~~DEPARTMENT OR BY AN ENTITY CONTRACTED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO DO AN~~  
20 ~~INVESTIGATION AND HOME STUDY FOR FOSTER HOME LICENSING OR PREADOPTION~~  
21 ~~CERTIFICATION~~. A written application for certification shall be made  
22 directly to the court, to an agency, ~~or~~ to the ~~division~~ ~~DEPARTMENT OR TO AN~~  
23 ~~ENTITY CONTRACTED BY THE DEPARTMENT~~, in the form and content required by the  
24 court, agency or ~~division~~ ~~DEPARTMENT~~.

25          B. The ~~division~~ ~~DEPARTMENT~~ is not required to accept every application  
26 for certification. In determining which applications to accept the ~~division~~  
27 ~~DEPARTMENT~~ may give priority to applications filed by adult residents of this  
28 state who wish to adopt a child who has any special needs as defined in  
29 section 8-141.

30          C. After receiving and accepting the written and completed application  
31 of the prospective adoptive parent or parents, which shall include a  
32 financial statement and a physician's or a registered nurse practitioner's  
33 statement of each applicant's physical health, the ~~division~~ ~~DEPARTMENT~~, the  
34 agency, ~~or~~ an officer of the court ~~OR THE ENTITY CONTRACTED BY THE DEPARTMENT~~  
35 shall conduct or cause to be conducted an investigation of the prospective  
36 adoptive parent or parents to determine if they are fit and proper persons to  
37 adopt children.

38          D. The ~~division~~ ~~DEPARTMENT~~ shall not present for certification a  
39 prospective adoptive parent unless that person and each other adult member of  
40 the household have a valid fingerprint clearance card issued pursuant to  
41 section 41-1758.07. The prospective adoptive parent and each other adult  
42 member of the household must certify on forms that are provided by the  
43 ~~division~~ ~~DEPARTMENT~~ and that are notarized whether that person is awaiting  
44 trial on or has ever been convicted of any of the criminal offenses listed in

1 section 41-1758.07, subsections B and C in this state or similar offenses in  
2 another state or jurisdiction.

3 E. An officer of the court may obtain a state and federal criminal  
4 records check pursuant to section 41-1750 and Public Law 92-544. The  
5 department of public safety may exchange this fingerprint data with the  
6 federal bureau of investigation.

7 F. This investigation and report to the court shall consider all  
8 relevant and material facts dealing with the prospective adoptive parents'  
9 fitness to adopt children and shall include:

10 1. A complete social history.

11 2. The financial condition of the applicant.

12 3. The moral fitness of the applicant.

13 4. The religious background of the applicant.

14 5. The physical and mental health condition of the applicants.

15 6. Any court action for or adjudication of child abuse, abandonment of  
16 children, dependency or termination of parent-child relationship in which the  
17 applicant had control, care or custody of the child who was the subject of  
18 the action.

19 7. Whether the person or persons wish to be placed on the central  
20 registry established in subsection M of this section.

21 8. All other facts bearing on the issue of the fitness of the  
22 prospective adoptive parents that the court, agency or ~~division~~ DEPARTMENT  
23 may deem relevant.

24 G. The investigator shall not reveal to the prospective adoptive  
25 parents the identity of a child or the child's parent or parents and shall  
26 not reveal to the child or the child's parent or parents the identity of the  
27 prospective adoptive parents if these facts are not already known.

28 H. Within ninety days after the original application prescribed by  
29 subsection A of this section has been accepted, the ~~division or~~ DEPARTMENT,  
30 the agency OR THE ENTITY CONTRACTED BY THE DEPARTMENT or a person or agency  
31 designated by the court to conduct an investigation shall present to the  
32 juvenile court the written report required by subsection F of this section,  
33 which shall include a definite recommendation for certifying the applicant as  
34 being acceptable or nonacceptable to adopt children and the reasons for the  
35 recommendation.

36 I. Within sixty days after receiving the investigation report required  
37 by subsections F and H of this section, the court shall certify the applicant  
38 as being acceptable or nonacceptable to adopt children based on the  
39 investigation report and recommendations of the report. A certification  
40 remains in effect for eighteen months from the date of its issuance and may  
41 be extended for additional one year periods if after review the court finds  
42 that there have been no material changes in circumstances that would  
43 adversely affect the acceptability of the applicant to adopt.

1 J. The court may require additional investigation if it finds that  
2 additional information is necessary on which to make an appropriate decision  
3 regarding certification.

4 K. Any applicant who has been certified as nonacceptable may petition  
5 the court to review ~~such~~ THAT certification. Notice shall be given to all  
6 interested parties and NOTICE MAY BE GIVEN TO THE FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD IF  
7 THE CHILD SOUGHT TO BE ADOPTED IS IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT AND IS A DEPENDENT  
8 CHILD OR THE SUBJECT OF A DEPENDENCY ACTION. The matter shall be heard by  
9 the court, which may affirm or reverse the certification.

10 L. If the applicant is certified as nonacceptable, the applicant may  
11 not reapply for certification to the court, to any agency, ~~or~~ to the ~~division~~  
12 DEPARTMENT OR TO AN ENTITY CONTRACTED BY THE DEPARTMENT for one year.

13 M. The ~~division~~ DEPARTMENT shall maintain a central adoption registry  
14 that includes the names of all prospective adoptive parents currently  
15 certified by the court as acceptable to adopt children, except those who  
16 request that their names not be included, the names of all children who are  
17 under the jurisdiction of the ~~division~~ DEPARTMENT and who are currently  
18 available for adoption, the names of any other children who are currently  
19 available for adoption and whose names are voluntarily entered in the  
20 registry by any agency, parent or other person that has the right to give  
21 consent to the child's adoption, and other information as the ~~division~~  
22 DEPARTMENT may elect to include in aid of adoptive placements. Access to  
23 information in the registry shall be made available on request to any agency  
24 under assurances as the ~~division~~ DEPARTMENT may require that the information  
25 sought is in furtherance of adoptive placements and that confidentiality of  
26 the information is preserved.

27 N. This section does not apply if:

28 1. The prospective adoptive parent is the spouse of the birth or legal  
29 parent of the child to be adopted or is an uncle, aunt, adult sibling,  
30 grandparent or great-grandparent of the child of the whole or half-blood or  
31 by marriage or adoption.

32 2. The birth or legal parent is deceased but at the time of death the  
33 parent had legal and physical custody of the child to be adopted and the  
34 child had resided primarily with the spouse of the birth or legal parent  
35 during the twenty-four months before the death of the parent.

36 3. The grandparent, great-grandparent, UNCLE, aunt, GREAT-UNCLE,  
37 GREAT-AUNT OR adult sibling ~~or uncle~~ is deceased but at the time of death  
38 that person had legal and physical custody of the child to be adopted and the  
39 child had resided primarily with the spouse of the grandparent,  
40 great-grandparent, UNCLE, aunt, GREAT-UNCLE, GREAT-AUNT OR adult sibling ~~or~~  
41 ~~uncle~~ during the twenty-four months before the death of the grandparent,  
42 great-grandparent, UNCLE, aunt, GREAT-UNCLE, GREAT-AUNT OR adult sibling ~~or~~  
43 ~~uncle~~.

44 4. THE APPLICANT IS A LICENSED FOSTER PARENT WHO IS PETITIONING TO  
45 ADOPT A CHILD CURRENTLY PLACED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THE FOSTER PARENT'S HOME

1 AND THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS THE ADOPTION OF THE CHILD BY THE FOSTER PARENT  
2 APPLICANT.

3 0. If the applicant IS NOT A LICENSED FOSTER PARENT AND has adopted a  
4 child within three years preceding the current application and is applying to  
5 adopt another child ~~or is a foster parent who is licensed by this state~~, the  
6 ~~division~~ DEPARTMENT, ~~or~~ THE agency OR AN ENTITY CONTRACTED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
7 or a person designated by the court to conduct an investigation shall only  
8 provide an update report on any changes in circumstances that have occurred  
9 since the previous certification ~~or licensing report~~. If the applicant has  
10 adopted a child more than three years before the current application and is  
11 applying to adopt another child, the ~~division~~ DEPARTMENT, ~~or~~ THE agency OR AN  
12 ENTITY CONTRACTED BY THE DEPARTMENT or a person designated by the court to  
13 conduct an investigation may provide an updated report on any changes in  
14 circumstances that have occurred since the previous certification ~~or~~  
15 ~~licensing report~~. The court shall certify the applicant as acceptable to  
16 adopt unless there are changes in circumstances that adversely affect the  
17 applicant's parenting ability. In making this determination, the court shall  
18 consider information from the prior certification ~~or licensing report~~.

19 Sec. 4. Section 8-342, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

20 8-342. Commitment of child; medical examination

21 A. A child who is any of the following shall not be committed or  
22 awarded to the department of juvenile corrections:

23 1. Adjudicated delinquent for an offense that is not a felony unless  
24 the child has been previously adjudicated delinquent for an offense that is a  
25 felony or is seriously mentally ill.

26 2. Under fourteen years of age.

27 3. A dependent or incorrigible child UNLESS THE CHILD IS ADJUDICATED  
28 DELINQUENT AND IS NOT EXCLUDED UNDER PARAGRAPH 1 OR 2 OF THIS SUBSECTION.

29 B. Before commitment to the department of juvenile corrections, every  
30 child shall be given a medical examination. If it is determined that any  
31 contagious or infectious disease is present, the child shall not be committed  
32 to the department of juvenile corrections, but the juvenile court shall order  
33 that the child be given the necessary medical treatment at the county  
34 hospital or other medical facility. When the child is discharged by  
35 competent medical authority, the juvenile court may order the child's  
36 commitment to the department of juvenile corrections. In any case copies of  
37 records, examinations and evaluations shall be made of the findings of the  
38 medical examination and of any subsequent treatment and discharge, which  
39 copies shall accompany the child's commitment papers.

40 C. IF THE CHILD IS A DEPENDENT CHILD AND IS COMMITTED OR AWARDED TO  
41 THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS, THE FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD SHALL  
42 REVIEW THE CHILD'S CASE AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 8-515.03.

1           Sec. 5. Section 8-509, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:  
2           8-509. Licensing of foster homes; renewal of license;  
3                 provisional license; exemption from licensure;  
4                 immunization requirements

5           A. The ~~division~~ DEPARTMENT shall license and certify foster homes.  
6 Licenses are valid for a period of two years.

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

18           C. The ~~division~~ DEPARTMENT shall not renew a license without  
19 satisfactory proof that the foster parent or parents have completed ~~six~~  
20 TWELVE actual hours of approved ongoing foster parent training ~~per year~~  
21 DURING THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD OF LICENSURE as set forth in section 8-503.

22           D. ~~Notwithstanding the requirements of subsections B and C of this~~  
23 ~~section,~~ If the ~~division~~ DEPARTMENT determines THAT COMPLETING THE TRAINING  
24 REQUIRED IN SUBSECTIONS B AND C OF THIS SECTION WOULD BE a ~~condition of~~  
25 hardship to the foster parent or parents, the ~~division~~ DEPARTMENT may issue a  
26 provisional license for a period not to exceed six months. A provisional  
27 license may not be renewed.

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

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

40           G. This section does not apply if the child is placed in a home by a  
41 means other than by court order and if the home does not receive compensation  
42 from this state or any political subdivision of this state.

43           H. The ~~division does~~ DEPARTMENT MAY not prohibit a person operating a  
44 licensed foster home from applying for or receiving compensation as a foster  
45 home parent due to employment with this state.

1 I. The ~~division~~ DEPARTMENT shall not require a foster parent to  
2 immunize the foster parent's natural or adoptive children as a condition of  
3 foster home licensure.

4 J. A licensee may modify the renewal date of a license issued pursuant  
5 to this section by submitting an application for modification of renewal date  
6 with the ~~division~~ DEPARTMENT on a form prescribed by the ~~division~~ DEPARTMENT.  
7 The licensee must specify the new month of renewal on the application. The  
8 modified renewal date must be ~~prior to~~ BEFORE, but not more than six months  
9 earlier than, the existing renewal date.

10 K. THE FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD SHALL REVIEW THE CASES OF CHILDREN  
11 PLACED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN FOSTER HOMES LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AS  
12 REQUIRED BY SECTION 8-515.03.

13 Sec. 6. Section 8-515.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
14 read:

15 8-515.01. Local foster care review boards; appointment;  
16 exclusions; terms; training; compensation; meetings

17 A. The presiding judge of the juvenile court in each county shall  
18 establish local foster care review boards for the review of cases of children  
19 who are in out-of-home placement and who are the subject of a dependency  
20 action to assist in the review required pursuant to section 8-862. The judge  
21 shall establish one board for each one hundred children, or fraction of that  
22 number. The judge may decide not to create an additional review board if the  
23 number of children assigned to a review board exceeds one hundred by fewer  
24 than fifty children. The boards shall consist of at least five regular  
25 members. The judge may appoint one alternate member for each board if deemed  
26 necessary. The alternate member shall receive all case correspondence and  
27 reports and shall serve on the review board in the absence of one of the  
28 regular members. Each board ~~shall~~, to the maximum extent feasible, SHALL  
29 represent the various socioeconomic, racial and ethnic groups of the county  
30 in which it serves. A list of the members of each local board shall be sent  
31 to the supreme court.

32 B. The presiding judge shall not appoint a person employed by the  
33 ~~division, any child welfare agency~~ or the juvenile court to a local board.

34 C. On the appointment of a new local board, regular board members  
35 shall divide themselves by lot into three classes as nearly equal in number  
36 as possible. Members of the first class shall serve for a term of one year,  
37 members of the second class shall serve for a term of two years and members  
38 of the third class shall serve for a term of three years. All subsequent  
39 local board members, including alternate members, shall serve for a term of  
40 three years, except if a member has been appointed to fill a vacancy  
41 occasioned other than by the expiration of a full term of office. The term  
42 of each member shall expire on the third Monday in January of the appropriate  
43 year. Members shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed. In  
44 the event a vacancy occurs on the local board, the judge shall appoint  
45 another person to serve the unexpired portion of the term.

1 D. A person shall not remain on a local board unless the person  
2 participates in the training established pursuant to section 8-515.04.

3 E. Each local board shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman and  
4 other officers as it deems necessary.

5 F. Local board members shall be compensated pursuant to title 38,  
6 chapter 4, article 2.

7 G. Each local board shall meet, at a place designated by the juvenile  
8 court, as often as it deems necessary to carry out the duties of the local  
9 board. A local board shall not meet less than twice annually.

10 Sec. 7. Section 8-515.03, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
11 read:

12 8-515.03. Duties of local foster care review boards

13 Local foster care review boards shall:

14 1. Review within six months of placement and at least once every six  
15 months thereafter the case of each child who remains in out-of-home placement  
16 and who is the subject of a dependency action to determine what efforts have  
17 been made by the ~~division~~ DEPARTMENT and the agency with which the child has  
18 been placed to carry out the case plan for the permanent placement of such  
19 child. The review period for out-of-home placement includes time that a  
20 child is in voluntary placement pursuant to section 8-806. The court and the  
21 ~~division~~ DEPARTMENT shall review a local foster care review board's findings  
22 and recommendations at the next scheduled dependency review hearing and the  
23 court shall address the board's recommendations on the record. The ~~division~~  
24 DEPARTMENT shall provide the local foster care review board with written  
25 notice within ten business days of the date of the receipt of the  
26 recommendation if the ~~division~~ DEPARTMENT intends to accept or not implement  
27 the board's recommendations.

28 2. Allow a child's parents and grandparents to attend the local foster  
29 care review board's review of the case. The parent or grandparent may be  
30 accompanied at the review by an advocate of the ~~parent~~ PARENT'S or  
31 grandparent's choice.

32 3. Review any case assigned by the juvenile court for early review of  
33 the case plan within sixty days after the removal of a child from that  
34 child's home.

35 4. Submit to the juvenile court within thirty days following the  
36 review its findings and recommendations regarding the efforts and progress  
37 made by the ~~division~~ DEPARTMENT and agency to carry out the case plan,  
38 together with any other recommendations it chooses to make regarding the  
39 child. The findings and recommendations shall include the date of the next  
40 review. A copy of such findings and recommendations shall be sent to the  
41 division or the agency, if the juvenile court has awarded custody of the  
42 child to the agency, and to such other interested parties as the court may  
43 require.

44 5. Encourage and facilitate the timely return of children to their  
45 natural parents or, if the board finds that one or more of the grounds listed

1 in section 8-533 may exist, encourage the appropriate agency to initiate such  
2 procedures as would make the child eligible for adoption, followed by a  
3 maximum effort by the agency to place the child for adoption.

4 6. Encourage the ~~division~~ DEPARTMENT and all agencies involved in  
5 placing children in out-of-home placement to exert all possible efforts to  
6 make arrangements for permanent plans for children for whom return to natural  
7 parents or adoption is determined to be infeasible or impossible.

8 7. Promote and encourage the ~~division~~ DEPARTMENT and all agencies  
9 involved in placing children in foster care to maximize stability and family  
10 continuity for children in foster care by discouraging unnecessary changes in  
11 the placement of foster children and by recruiting foster parents who may be  
12 suitable and eligible as adoptive parents.

13 8. Assist the ~~division~~ DEPARTMENT and agencies in informing natural  
14 parents, foster parents and other interested parties of their rights and  
15 responsibilities with respect to any child in out-of-home placement. Natural  
16 parents, foster parents and other interested parties may be involved in the  
17 review process when appropriate.

18 9. Make recommendations to the state board regarding foster care  
19 policies and procedures as they relate to the children assigned for their  
20 review.

21 Sec. 8. Section 8-515.04, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
22 read:

23 8-515.04. State foster care review board; members; personnel;  
24 training programs; compensation

25 A. The state foster care review board is established within the  
26 supreme court consisting of ~~seven~~ THREE persons who have knowledge of the  
27 problems of foster care and who are appointed by the supreme court and of the  
28 members of the local foster care review boards who are appointed by the  
29 presiding judge of the juvenile court. In counties having only one foster  
30 care review board, the judge shall appoint one member. In counties having  
31 more than one foster care review board, the presiding judge of the juvenile  
32 court shall appoint to the state board only one member for every ~~three~~ TEN  
33 boards EXCEPT THAT NOT MORE THAN SIX MEMBERS MAY BE APPOINTED FROM ANY  
34 COUNTY. Members of the state board who are local board members shall serve  
35 terms that are coterminous with their terms as members of local review  
36 boards. Members who are appointed by the supreme court shall serve terms  
37 that are not less than two years, nor more than five years.

38 B. The state board shall select a chairman and a vice-chairman and any  
39 other officers it deems necessary.

40 C. The state board shall meet no less than twice annually and more  
41 frequently on the call of the chairman or as the board determines. The  
42 supreme court may adopt reasonable rules relating to the functions and  
43 procedures of the local boards and the state board in accordance with the  
44 duties of the boards as provided in this article. The state board shall  
45 review and coordinate the activities of the local boards.

1 D. The supreme court shall employ a coordinator and other personnel it  
2 deems necessary to carry out the duties of the state board and the local  
3 boards. Compensation for all personnel shall be determined pursuant to  
4 section 38-611.

5 E. The state board shall establish training programs for local board  
6 members, which shall include periodic in-service training.

7 F. State board members shall be compensated as determined pursuant to  
8 title 38, chapter 4, article 2.

9 Sec. 9. Repeal  
10 Section 41-3016.08, Arizona Revised Statutes, is repealed.

11 Sec. 10. Title 41, chapter 27, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended by adding section 41-3024.16, to read:  
13 41-3024.16. State foster care review board; termination July 1,  
14 2024  
15 A. THE STATE FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD TERMINATES ON JULY 1, 2024.  
16 B. SECTION 8-515.04 IS REPEALED ON JANUARY 1, 2025.

17 Sec. 11. Review of foster parent requirements; report; delayed  
18 repeal

19 A. The department of child safety shall:  
20 1. Review the implementation of the foster home licensing rules,  
21 guidelines and checklists.  
22 2. Review the cases in which foster home licenses were denied.  
23 3. Hold public meetings to solicit input from foster families on the  
24 implementation of the foster home licensing rules, guidelines and checklists.  
25 4. Identify any modifications required in the new rules, guidelines or  
26 checklists.

27 B. The department shall provide a report of its findings in the review  
28 to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the  
29 senate on or before December 31, 2016.

30 C. This section is repealed from and after September 30, 2017.

31 Sec. 12. Purpose  
32 Pursuant to section 41-2955, subsection B, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
33 the legislature continues the state foster care review board to aid the  
34 juvenile court to determine the proper disposition of children in foster  
35 care.

36 Sec. 13. Retroactivity  
37 Sections 9 and 10 of this act are effective retroactively to July 1,  
38 2016.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 11, 2016.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY 11, 2016.