



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2103

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NOW: service providers; domestic violence

Prime Sponsor: Representative Allen J, LD 15

DPA S/E Committee on Children and Family Affairs

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OVERVIEW

HB 2103 renames the Domestic Violence Shelter Fund and changes eligibility requirements.

PROVISIONS

1. Changes the name of the Domestic Violence Shelter Fund to the *Domestic Violence Services Fund* (Fund).
2. Changes the heading for Title 36, Chapter 3, Arizona Revised Statutes from *Shelters for Domestic Violence Victims* to *Domestic Violence Services*.
3. Stipulates that domestic violence service providers, rather than shelters for victims of domestic violence, are eligible to receive Fund monies.
4. Removes Fund eligibility requirements for shelters and requires domestic violence service providers to adhere to statewide service standards for domestic violence programs that are approved by the Department of Economic Security (DES) in collaboration with a state coalition against domestic violence in order for these providers to be eligible to receive Fund monies.
5. States that a domestic violence service provider does not qualify for Fund monies if it discriminates in its admissions on the basis of disability.
6. Strikes the requirement that Fund requests in excess of the amount of Fund monies available be allocated based on priorities established by DES and a state coalition against domestic violence.
7. Requires DES to file a copy of the annual report relating to Fund money allocation to the Secretary of State.
8. Repeals statute relating to acceptance of grants and gifts by the program administrator ([A.R.S. § 36-3003](#)) and relating to application by shelters for Fund monies and grants, eligibility, payments, limitations, and evaluations ([A.R.S. § 36-3004](#)).
9. Defines *domestic violence service provider*.

CURRENT LAW

A.R.S. § 36-3002 establishes the Fund to provide financial assistance to shelters for victims of domestic violence through contracts for shelter services. Any person who is convicted of a harassment, aggravated harassment, stalking or family offense violation must pay a \$50 assessment that is deposited into the domestic violence shelter fund (A.R.S. § 12-116.06). The

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Fund is also comprised of 8.87% from statutory filing and copy fees paid to the clerk of the superior court and 8.87% of notary bond fees and other fees paid to the Secretary of State (A.R.S. §§ 12-284.03 and 41-178).