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SENATE BILL 1323

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 8-514.03, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2018, CHAPTER 110, SECTION 2; REPEALING SECTION 8-514.03, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2018, CHAPTER 153, SECTION 3; 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 8-514.03, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended
3 by Laws 2018, chapter 110, section 2, is amended to read:

4 8-514.03. Kinship foster care; requirements; investigation

5 A. The department shall establish kinship foster care services for
6 a child who has been removed from the child's home and is in the custody
7 of the department. The program shall promote the placement of the child
8 with the child's relative or a person with a significant relationship with
9 the child for kinship foster care.

10 B. A kinship foster care parent applicant who is not a licensed
11 foster care parent shall be at least eighteen years of age. The applicant
12 and each member of the applicant's household who is at least eighteen
13 years of age shall submit a full set of fingerprints to the department of
14 child safety for the purpose of obtaining a state and federal criminal
15 records check pursuant to section 41-1750 and Public Law 92-544. The
16 department of public safety may exchange this fingerprint data with the
17 federal bureau of investigation. The department of child safety shall
18 determine if the applicant is able to meet the child's health and safety
19 needs by conducting one or more home visits and interviewing the
20 applicant. The department of child safety may interview other household
21 members, review the applicant's personal and professional references and
22 conduct department of child safety central registry checks.

23 C. If the department determines that a kinship foster care
24 placement is not in the best interest of the child, the department shall
25 provide written notification to the applicant within fifteen business
26 days. The notice shall include the specific reason for denial, the
27 applicant's right to appeal and the process for reviewing the decision.

28 D. A kinship foster care parent ~~may be~~ IS eligible to receive ~~the~~
29 ~~following financial services for the child:~~

30 ~~1. full foster care benefits, including payment if the kinship~~
31 ~~foster care parent becomes a licensed foster care home.~~

32 ~~2. Temporary assistance for needy families cash assistance payments~~
33 ~~for a child only case and supplemental financial support.~~

34 E. The department shall establish procedures for child welfare
35 workers to inform EACH kinship foster care ~~families~~ FAMILY THAT IS NOT
36 LICENSED AS A FOSTER HOME about available financial and nonfinancial
37 services and eligibility requirements and shall assist the ~~families~~ FAMILY
38 in completing ~~the~~ ANY necessary application.

39 F. ~~If a family declines to apply for financial services~~ BEFORE THE
40 DEPARTMENT PLACES A CHILD WITH A KINSHIP FOSTER CARE FAMILY THAT IS NOT
41 LICENSED AS A FOSTER HOME, the family shall sign a statement indicating
42 that the family declined OR ACCEPTED FINANCIAL services. ~~The~~ A statement
43 DECLINING SERVICES does not prevent the family from making application in
44 the future. The CHILD WELFARE worker shall provide a copy of the
45 statement to the family.

1 G. IF THE KINSHIP FOSTER CARE PARENT ACCEPTS FINANCIAL SERVICES,
2 THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY SHALL DETERMINE IMMEDIATELY THE
3 ELIGIBILITY OF THE DEPENDENT CHILD FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY
4 FAMILIES FOR A CHILD ONLY CASE UNDER TITLE 46 AND PROVIDE BENEFITS IF THE
5 CHILD QUALIFIES.

6 ~~G.~~ H. The department shall provide nonfinancial services for a
7 kinship foster care parent through existing means or referral.
8 Nonfinancial services may include:

- 9 1. Family assessment.
- 10 2. Case management.
- 11 3. Child day care.
- 12 4. Housing search and relocation.
- 13 5. Parenting skills training.
- 14 6. Supportive intervention and guidance counseling.
- 15 7. Transportation.
- 16 8. Emergency services.
- 17 9. Parent aid services.
- 18 10. Respite services.
- 19 11. Additional services that the department determines are necessary
20 to meet the needs of the child and family.

21 Sec. 2. Repeal

22 Section 8-514.03, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by Laws 2018,
23 chapter 153, section 3, is repealed.