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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 8-201, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 8-201, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 8-201. Definitions

5 In this title, unless the context otherwise requires:

6 1. "Abandoned" means the failure of the parent to provide
7 reasonable support and to maintain regular contact with the child,
8 including providing normal supervision. Abandoned includes a judicial
9 finding that a parent has made only minimal efforts to support and
10 communicate with the child. Failure to maintain a normal parental
11 relationship with the child without just cause for a period of six months
12 constitutes prima facie evidence of abandonment.

13 2. "Abuse" means the infliction or allowing of physical injury,
14 impairment of bodily function or disfigurement or the infliction of or
15 allowing another person to cause serious emotional damage as evidenced by
16 severe anxiety, depression, withdrawal or untoward aggressive behavior and
17 which emotional damage is diagnosed by a medical doctor or psychologist
18 and is caused by the acts or omissions of an individual who has the care,
19 custody and control of a child. Abuse includes:

20 (a) Inflicting or allowing sexual abuse pursuant to section
21 13-1404, sexual conduct with a minor pursuant to section 13-1405, sexual
22 assault pursuant to section 13-1406, molestation of a child pursuant to
23 section 13-1410, commercial sexual exploitation of a minor pursuant to
24 section 13-3552, sexual exploitation of a minor pursuant to section
25 13-3553, incest pursuant to section 13-3608 or child sex trafficking
26 pursuant to section 13-3212.

27 (b) Physical injury that results from ~~permitting~~ ALLOWING a child
28 to enter or remain in any structure or vehicle in which volatile, toxic or
29 flammable chemicals are found or equipment is possessed by any person for
30 the purpose of manufacturing a dangerous drug as defined in section
31 13-3401.

32 (c) Unreasonable confinement of a child.

33 3. "Adult" means a person who is eighteen years of age or older.

34 4. "Adult court" means the appropriate justice court, municipal
35 court or criminal division of the superior court that has jurisdiction to
36 hear proceedings concerning offenses committed by juveniles as provided in
37 sections 8-327 and 13-501.

38 5. "Award" or "commit" means to assign legal custody.

39 6. "Child", "youth" or "juvenile" means an individual who is under
40 ~~the age of~~ eighteen years OF AGE.

41 7. "Complaint" means a written statement of the essential facts
42 constituting a public offense that is any of the following:

43 (a) Made on an oath before a judge or commissioner of the superior
44 court or an authorized juvenile hearing officer.

45 (b) Made pursuant to section 13-3903.

1 (c) Accompanied by an affidavit of a law enforcement officer or
2 employee that swears on information and belief to the accuracy of the
3 complaint pursuant to section 13-4261.

4 8. "Criminal conduct allegation" means an allegation of conduct by
5 a parent, guardian or custodian of a child or an adult member of the
6 victim's household that, if true, would constitute any of the following:

7 (a) A violation of section 13-3623 involving child abuse.

8 (b) A felony offense that constitutes domestic violence as defined
9 in section 13-3601.

10 (c) A violation of section 13-1404 or 13-1406 involving a minor.

11 (d) A violation of section 13-1405, 13-1410 or 13-1417.

12 (e) Any other act of abuse that is classified as a felony.

13 (f) An offense that constitutes domestic violence as defined in
14 section 13-3601 and that involves a minor who is a victim of or was in
15 imminent danger during the domestic violence.

16 9. "Custodian" means a person, other than a parent or legal
17 guardian, who stands in loco parentis to the child or a person to whom
18 legal custody of the child has been given by order of the juvenile court.

19 10. "DCS report" means a communication received by the centralized
20 intake hotline that alleges child abuse or neglect and that meets the
21 criteria for a report as prescribed in section 8-455.

22 11. "Delinquency hearing" means a proceeding in the juvenile court
23 to determine whether a juvenile has committed a specific delinquent act as
24 set forth in a petition.

25 12. "Delinquent act" means an act by a juvenile that if committed
26 by an adult would be a criminal offense or a petty offense, a violation of
27 any law of this state, or of another state if the act occurred in that
28 state, or a law of the United States, or a violation of any law that can
29 only be violated by a minor and that has been designated as a delinquent
30 offense, or any ordinance of a city, county or political subdivision of
31 this state defining crime. Delinquent act does not include an offense
32 under section 13-501, subsection A or B if the offense is filed in adult
33 court. Any juvenile who is prosecuted as an adult or who is remanded for
34 prosecution as an adult shall not be adjudicated as a delinquent juvenile
35 for the same offense.

36 13. "Delinquent juvenile" means a child who is adjudicated to have
37 committed a delinquent act.

38 14. "Department" means the department of child safety.

39 15. "Dependent child":

40 (a) Means a child who is adjudicated to be:

41 (i) In need of proper and effective parental care and control and
42 who has no parent or guardian, or one who has no parent or guardian
43 willing to exercise or capable of exercising such care and control.

44 (ii) Destitute or who is not provided with the necessities of life,
45 including adequate food, clothing, shelter or medical care.

1 (iii) A child whose home is unfit by reason of abuse, neglect,
2 cruelty or depravity by a parent, a guardian or any other person having
3 custody or care of the child.

4 (iv) Under eight years of age and who is found to have committed an
5 act that would result in adjudication as a delinquent juvenile or
6 incorrigible child if committed by an older juvenile or child.

7 (v) Incompetent or not restorable to competency and who is alleged
8 to have committed a serious offense as defined in section 13-706.

9 (b) Does not include a child who in good faith is being furnished
10 Christian Science treatment by a duly accredited practitioner if none of
11 the circumstances described in subdivision (a) of this paragraph exists.

12 16. "Detention" means the temporary confinement of a juvenile who
13 requires secure care in a physically restricting facility that is
14 completely surrounded by a locked and physically secure barrier with
15 restricted ingress and egress for the protection of the juvenile or the
16 community pending court disposition or as a condition of probation.

17 17. "Director" means the director of the department.

18 18. "Health professional" has the same meaning prescribed in
19 section 32-3201.

20 19. "Incorrigible child" means a child who:

21 (a) Is adjudicated as a child who refuses to obey the reasonable
22 and proper orders or directions of a parent, guardian or custodian and who
23 is beyond the control of that person.

24 (b) Is habitually truant from school as defined in section 15-803,
25 subsection C.

26 (c) Is a runaway from the child's home or parent, guardian or
27 custodian.

28 (d) Habitually behaves in such a manner as to injure or endanger
29 the morals or health of self or others.

30 (e) Commits any act constituting an offense that can only be
31 committed by a minor and that is not designated as a delinquent act.

32 (f) Fails to obey any lawful order of a court of competent
33 jurisdiction given in a noncriminal action.

34 20. "Independent living program" includes a residential program
35 with supervision of less than twenty-four hours a day.

36 21. "Juvenile court" means the juvenile division of the superior
37 court when exercising its jurisdiction over children in any proceeding
38 relating to delinquency, dependency or incorrigibility.

39 22. "Law enforcement officer" means a peace officer, sheriff,
40 deputy sheriff, municipal police officer or constable.

41 23. "Medical director of a mental health agency":

42 (a) Means a psychiatrist, or licensed physician experienced in
43 psychiatric matters, who is designated in writing by the governing body of
44 the agency as the person in charge of the medical services of the agency,

1 or a psychiatrist designated by the governing body to act for the
2 director. ~~The term~~

3 (b) Includes the superintendent of the state hospital.

4 24. "Mental health agency" means any private or public facility
5 that is licensed by this state as a mental health treatment agency, a
6 psychiatric hospital, a psychiatric unit of a general hospital or a
7 residential treatment center for emotionally disturbed children and that
8 uses secure settings or mechanical restraints.

9 25. "Neglect" or "neglected" means:

10 (a) The inability or unwillingness of a parent, guardian or
11 custodian of a child to provide that child with supervision, food,
12 clothing, shelter or medical care if that inability or unwillingness
13 causes ~~unreasonable~~ SUBSTANTIAL risk of harm to the child's health or
14 welfare, except if the inability of a parent, guardian or custodian to
15 provide services to meet the needs of a child with a disability or chronic
16 illness is solely the result of the unavailability of reasonable services.

17 (b) ~~Permitting~~ ALLOWING a child to enter or remain in any structure
18 or vehicle in which volatile, toxic or flammable chemicals are found or
19 equipment is possessed by any person ~~for the purposes~~ WITH THE INTENT AND
20 FOR THE PURPOSE of manufacturing a dangerous drug as defined in section
21 13-3401.

22 (c) A determination by a health professional that a newborn infant
23 was exposed prenatally to a drug or substance listed in section 13-3401
24 and that this exposure was not the result of a medical treatment
25 administered to the mother or the newborn infant by a health professional.
26 This subdivision does not expand a health professional's duty to report
27 neglect based on prenatal exposure to a drug or substance listed in
28 section 13-3401 beyond the requirements prescribed pursuant to section
29 13-3620, subsection E. The determination by the health professional shall
30 be based on one or more of the following:

31 (i) Clinical indicators in the prenatal period including maternal
32 and newborn presentation.

33 (ii) History of substance use or abuse.

34 (iii) Medical history.

35 (iv) Results of a toxicology or other laboratory test on the mother
36 or the newborn infant.

37 (d) Diagnosis by a health professional of an infant under one year
38 of age with clinical findings consistent with fetal alcohol syndrome or
39 fetal alcohol effects.

40 (e) Deliberate exposure of a child by a parent, guardian or
41 custodian to sexual conduct as defined in section 13-3551 or to sexual
42 contact, oral sexual contact or sexual intercourse as defined in section
43 13-1401, bestiality as prescribed in section 13-1411 or explicit sexual
44 materials as defined in section 13-3507.

1 (f) Any of the following acts committed by the child's parent,
2 guardian or custodian with reckless disregard as to whether the child is
3 physically present:

4 (i) Sexual contact as defined in section 13-1401.

5 (ii) Oral sexual contact as defined in section 13-1401.

6 (iii) Sexual intercourse as defined in section 13-1401.

7 (iv) Bestiality as prescribed in section 13-1411.

8 26. "Newborn infant" means a child who is under thirty days of age.

9 27. "Petition" means a written statement of the essential facts
10 that allege delinquency, incorrigibility or dependency.

11 28. "Prevention" means the creation of conditions, opportunities
12 and experiences that encourage and develop healthy, self-sufficient
13 children and that occur before the onset of problems.

14 29. "Protective supervision" means supervision that is ordered by
15 the juvenile court of children who are found to be dependent or
16 incorrigible.

17 30. "Qualified young adult" means a former dependent child who is
18 at least eighteen years of age and not over twenty-one years of age, who
19 meets the criteria for an extended foster care program pursuant to section
20 8-521.02 and who signs a voluntary agreement to participate in the
21 program.

22 31. "Referral" means a report that is submitted to the juvenile
23 court and that alleges that a child is dependent or incorrigible or that a
24 juvenile has committed a delinquent or criminal act.

25 32. "Secure care" means confinement in a facility that is
26 completely surrounded by a locked and physically secure barrier with
27 restricted ingress and egress.

28 33. "Serious emotional injury" means an injury that is diagnosed by
29 a medical doctor or a psychologist and that does any one or a combination
30 of the following:

31 (a) Seriously impairs mental faculties.

32 (b) Causes serious anxiety, depression, withdrawal or social
33 dysfunction behavior to the extent that the child suffers dysfunction that
34 requires treatment.

35 (c) Is the result of sexual abuse pursuant to section 13-1404,
36 sexual conduct with a minor pursuant to section 13-1405, sexual assault
37 pursuant to section 13-1406, molestation of a child pursuant to section
38 13-1410, child sex trafficking pursuant to section 13-3212, commercial
39 sexual exploitation of a minor pursuant to section 13-3552, sexual
40 exploitation of a minor pursuant to section 13-3553 or incest pursuant to
41 section 13-3608.

42 34. "Serious physical injury" means an injury that is diagnosed by
43 a medical doctor and that does any one or a combination of the following:

44 (a) Creates a reasonable risk of death.

45 (b) Causes serious or permanent disfigurement.

- 1 (c) Causes significant physical pain.
- 2 (d) Causes serious impairment of health.
- 3 (e) Causes the loss or protracted impairment of an organ or limb.
- 4 (f) Is the result of sexual abuse pursuant to section 13-1404,
- 5 sexual conduct with a minor pursuant to section 13-1405, sexual assault
- 6 pursuant to section 13-1406, molestation of a child pursuant to section
- 7 13-1410, child sex trafficking pursuant to section 13-3212, commercial
- 8 sexual exploitation of a minor pursuant to section 13-3552, sexual
- 9 exploitation of a minor pursuant to section 13-3553 or incest pursuant to
- 10 section 13-3608.
- 11 35. "Shelter care" means the temporary care of a child in any
- 12 public or private facility or home that is licensed by this state and that
- 13 offers a physically nonsecure environment that is characterized by the
- 14 absence of physically restricting construction or hardware and that
- 15 provides the child access to the surrounding community.
- 16 36. "Young adult administrative review" means an administrative
- 17 review of a voluntary extended foster care case plan with the qualified
- 18 young adult, the department's case specialist or designee, an independent
- 19 party who is not responsible for the case management of or the delivery of
- 20 services to the qualified young adult and any other individual the young
- 21 adult invites.

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