

Senate Engrossed

foster care review board; continuation

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SENATE BILL 1258

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 8-515.04, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; REPEALING SECTION 41-3024.30, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 27, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 41-3028.04; RELATING TO THE STATE FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 8-515.04, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:

4 8-515.04. State foster care review board; members; personnel;
5 training programs; annual report; compensation

6 A. The state foster care review board is established within the
7 supreme court consisting of three persons who have knowledge of the
8 problems of foster care and who are appointed by the supreme court and of
9 the members of the local foster care review boards who are appointed by
10 the presiding judge of the juvenile court. In counties having only one
11 foster care review board, the judge shall appoint one member. In counties
12 having more than one foster care review board, the presiding judge of the
13 juvenile court shall appoint to the state board only one member for every
14 ten boards except that not more than six members may be appointed from any
15 county. Members of the state board who are local board members shall
16 serve terms that are coterminous with their terms as members of local
17 review boards. Members who are appointed by the supreme court shall serve
18 terms that are not less than two years, nor more than five years.

19 B. The state FOSTER CARE REVIEW board shall select a ~~chairman~~
20 CHAIRPERSON and a ~~vice-chairman~~ VICE CHAIRPERSON and any other officers it
21 deems necessary.

22 C. The state FOSTER CARE REVIEW board shall meet ~~no~~ NOT less than
23 twice annually and more frequently on the call of the ~~chairman~~ CHAIRPERSON
24 or as the board determines. The supreme court may adopt reasonable rules
25 relating to the functions and procedures of the local boards and the state
26 board in accordance with the duties of the boards as provided in this
27 article. The state board shall review and coordinate the activities of
28 the local boards.

29 D. The supreme court shall employ a coordinator and other personnel
30 it deems necessary to carry out the duties of the state FOSTER CARE REVIEW
31 board and the local boards. Compensation for all personnel shall be
32 determined pursuant to section 38-611.

33 E. The state FOSTER CARE REVIEW board shall establish training
34 programs for local board members, which shall include periodic in-service
35 training.

36 F. ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE STATE FOSTER CARE
37 REVIEW BOARD SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE
38 SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE CHAIRPERSONS
39 OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
40 COMMITTEES, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, AND SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF
41 THIS REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE ANNUAL REPORT SHALL CONTAIN
42 ALL OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

43 1. THE NUMBER OF TIMES THE STATE BOARD FAILED TO SUBMIT STATE BOARD
44 REPORTS TO THE JUVENILE COURT WITHIN A TIME FRAME THAT ALLOWS SUFFICIENT
45 TIME FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW BEFORE A DEPENDENCY HEARING.

1 2. THE STATE BOARD'S PROGRESS IN FACILITATING AND INCREASING PARENT
2 AND FOSTER PARENT ATTENDANCE AT LOCAL BOARD REVIEWS.

3 3. THE NUMBER OF TIMES THE STATE BOARD FAILED TO TIMELY AND
4 ACCURATELY ENTER DATA ABOUT CHILD DEPENDENCY CASES AND LOCAL BOARD REVIEWS
5 INTO THE STATE BOARD DATA SYSTEM.

6 ~~F.~~ G. State FOSTER CARE REVIEW board members shall be compensated
7 as determined pursuant to title 38, chapter 4, article 2.

8 Sec. 2. Repeal

9 Section 41-3024.30, Arizona Revised Statutes, is repealed.

10 Sec. 3. Title 41, chapter 27, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes,
11 is amended by adding section 41-3028.04, to read:

12 41-3028.04. State foster care review board; termination July
13 1, 2028

14 A. THE STATE FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD TERMINATES ON JULY 1, 2028.

15 B. SECTION 8-515.04 AND THIS SECTION ARE REPEALED ON JANUARY 1,
16 2029.

17 Sec. 4. Purpose

18 Pursuant to section 41-2955, subsection B, Arizona Revised Statutes,
19 the legislature continues the state foster care review board to aid the
20 juvenile court to determine the proper disposition of children in foster
21 care.

22 Sec. 5. Retroactivity

23 Sections 2 and 3 of this act apply retroactively to from and after
24 July 1, 2024.