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SB 1313

Introduced by
Senators Miranda: Alston, Bravo, Diaz, Fernandez, Hatathlie, Hernandez;
Representatives Crews, Terech

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 4, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 8-530.06; 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. Title 8, chapter 4, article 4, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 8-530.06, to read:

4 8-530.06. Leaving care of the department; safe and stable
5 housing; report

6 A. ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND
7 IMPLEMENT POLICES AND PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT EVERY CHILD WHO LEAVES THE
8 CARE OF THE DEPARTMENT IS DISCHARGED TO SAFE AND SECURE HOUSING. THE
9 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MUST SPECIFY THE ACTIONS THE DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE
10 TO ENSURE SAFE AND SECURE HOUSING FOR A CHILD WHO LEAVES THE CARE OF THE
11 DEPARTMENT.

12 B. ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A
13 REPORT THAT OUTLINES THE ADOPTED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO THE GOVERNOR,
14 THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
15 REPRESENTATIVES AND SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS REPORT TO THE SECRETARY
16 OF STATE.

17 Sec. 2. Legislative intent

18 The Legislature intends that all youth have the right to safe and
19 secure housing after leaving the care of the department of child safety.