

Senate Engrossed

DCS; discharge from care; housing

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# SENATE BILL 1313

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; definition

6 A. ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND  
7 IMPLEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT EVERY YOUNG ADULT WHO  
8 LEAVES THE CARE OF THE DEPARTMENT AND WHO HAS NOT ACHIEVED PERMANENCY  
9 THROUGH REUNIFICATION, ADOPTION OR GUARDIANSHIP HAS ACCESS TO SAFE AND  
10 SECURE HOUSING. THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MUST SPECIFY THE ACTIONS THE  
11 DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE TO ENSURE SAFE AND SECURE HOUSING FOR A YOUNG ADULT  
12 WHO LEAVES THE CARE OF THE DEPARTMENT AND WHO HAS NOT ACHIEVED PERMANENCY  
13 THROUGH REUNIFICATION, ADOPTION OR GUARDIANSHIP.

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

19 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "YOUNG ADULT" MEANS A PERSON  
20 WHO IS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE AND WHO IS EXITING OR WHO HAS EXITED  
21 THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT AT EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

22 Sec. 2. Legislative intent

23 The Legislature intends that all young adults have access to safe  
24 and secure housing after leaving the care of the department of child  
25 safety.