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parenting time; neutral exchange location

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CHAPTER 82

HOUSE BILL 2432

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 11, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 11-452; AMENDING SECTION 25-403.02, ARIZONA REVISED
STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 25, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED
STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 25-403.10; RELATING TO PARENTING TIME.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 11, chapter 3, article 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 11-452, to read:

4 11-452. Neutral safe exchange locations; parenting time;
5 designation; immunity

6 A. EACH COUNTY SHERIFF SHALL MAINTAIN ON THE OFFICE'S PUBLIC
7 WEBSITE A LIST OF THE NEUTRAL SAFE EXCHANGE LOCATIONS WITHIN THEIR COUNTY
8 FOR THE PURPOSES OF EXCHANGING CHILDREN PURSUANT TO A PARENTING PLAN UNDER
9 SECTION 25-403.10.

10 B. ANY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MAY DESIGNATE TWO OR MORE PARKING SPOTS AT
11 THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE OR ANY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SUBSTATION AS A NEUTRAL SAFE
12 EXCHANGE LOCATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF EXCHANGING CHILDREN. ANY POLICE
13 DEPARTMENT OF A CITY OR TOWN MAY DESIGNATE TWO OR MORE PARKING SPOTS AT
14 THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OR ANY POLICE DEPARTMENT SUBSTATION AS A NEUTRAL
15 SAFE EXCHANGE LOCATION.

16 C. EACH PARKING LOT THAT IS DESIGNATED AS A NEUTRAL SAFE EXCHANGE
17 LOCATION SHALL HAVE A PURPLE LIGHT OR A SIGN CLEARLY IDENTIFYING THE AREA
18 AS A NEUTRAL SAFE EXCHANGE LOCATION. THE NEUTRAL SAFE EXCHANGE LOCATION
19 SHALL MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

20 1. PROVIDE ACCESSIBILITY TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A
21 WEEK.

22 2. HAVE ADEQUATE LIGHTING AND AN EXTERNAL VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM
23 THAT RECORDS CONTINUOUSLY TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK AND
24 THAT HAS THE ABILITY TO RETAIN VIDEOS FOR FORTY-FIVE DAYS.

25 3. HAVE AT LEAST ONE CAMERA THAT IS FIXED IN OR NEAR THE DESIGNATED
26 NEUTRAL SAFE EXCHANGE LOCATION, THAT CAPTURES IMAGES THAT CLEARLY AND
27 ACCURATELY DISPLAY THE TIME AND DATE AND THAT HAS THE ABILITY TO STORE
28 IMAGES FOR FORTY-FIVE DAYS.

29 D. COUNTIES, CITIES, TOWNS, SHERIFFS, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND
30 EMPLOYEES OF THE DESIGNATED NEUTRAL SAFE EXCHANGE LOCATION ARE NOT LIABLE
31 FOR CIVIL DAMAGES FOR ANY ACT OR OMISSION RELATING TO AN INCIDENT ARISING
32 OUT OF THE EXCHANGE OF A CHILD AT A NEUTRAL SAFE EXCHANGE LOCATION.

33 Sec. 2. Section 25-403.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
34 read:

35 25-403.02. Parenting plans

36 A. If the child's parents cannot agree on a plan for legal
37 decision-making or parenting time, each parent must submit a proposed
38 parenting plan.

39 B. Consistent with the child's best interests in section 25-403 and
40 sections 25-403.03, 25-403.04 and 25-403.05, the court shall adopt a
41 parenting plan that provides for both parents to share legal
42 decision-making regarding their child and that maximizes their respective
43 parenting time. The court shall not prefer a parent's proposed plan
44 because of the parent's or child's gender.

45 C. Parenting plans shall include at least the following:

- 1 1. A designation of the legal decision-making as joint or sole as
2 defined in section 25-401.
- 3 2. A DESCRIPTION OF each parent's rights and responsibilities for
4 the personal care of the child and for decisions in areas such as
5 education, health care and religious training.
- 6 3. A practical schedule of parenting time for the child, including
7 holidays and school vacations.
- 8 4. A procedure for the exchanges of the child, including location
9 and responsibility for transportation. THE PARENTING PLAN MUST SPECIFY
10 WHEN THE EXCHANGE IS REQUIRED TO TAKE PLACE AT A SAFE EXCHANGE LOCATION
11 PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-403.10.
- 12 5. A procedure by which proposed changes, relocation of where a
13 child resides with either parent pursuant to section 25-408, disputes and
14 alleged breaches may be mediated or resolved, which may include the use of
15 conciliation services or private counseling.
- 16 6. A procedure for periodic review of the plan's terms by the
17 parents.
- 18 7. A procedure for communicating PARENTS TO COMMUNICATE with each
19 other about the child, including methods and frequency.
- 20 8. A statement that each party has read, understands and will abide
21 by the notification requirements of section 25-403.05, subsection B.
- 22 D. If the parents are unable to agree on any element to be included
23 in a parenting plan, the court shall determine that element. The court
24 may determine other factors that are necessary to promote and protect the
25 emotional and physical health of the child.
- 26 E. Shared legal decision-making does not necessarily mean equal
27 parenting time.
- 28 Sec. 3. Title 25, chapter 4, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
29 is amended by adding section 25-403.10, to read:
30 25-403.10. Parenting time; safe exchange locations; court
31 order
- 32 A. IN ANY PROCEEDING IN WHICH THE COURT ENTERS A PARENTING PLAN OR
33 A LEGAL DECISION-MAKING OR PARENTING PLAN ORDER, INCLUDING THE
34 MODIFICATION OF AN EXISTING PARENTING PLAN OR A LEGAL DECISION-MAKING OR
35 PARENTING PLAN ORDER, THE COURT MAY ENTER AN ORDER REQUIRING THE PARTIES
36 TO EXCHANGE CUSTODY OF THE MINOR CHILD AT A SAFE EXCHANGE LOCATION IF THE
37 COURT FINDS THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD.
- 38 B. A SAFE EXCHANGE LOCATION INCLUDES ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
39 1. A DESIGNATED NEUTRAL SAFE EXCHANGE LOCATION PURSUANT TO SECTION
40 11-452.
- 41 2. A LOCATION APPROVED BY THE COURT.
- 42 3. A LOCATION AGREED TO BY THE PARTIES.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 18, 2025.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 21, 2025.