

REFERENCE TITLE: parental alienation; testimony; prohibition

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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 25, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 25-407.01; RELATING TO LEGAL DECISION-MAKING AND 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 25, chapter 4, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 25-407.01, to read:

4 25-407.01. Legal decision-making and parenting time hearings;
5 parental alienation testimony; prohibition;
6 definition

7 A. IN ANY LEGAL DECISION-MAKING OR PARENTING TIME PROCEEDING,
8 INCLUDING A LEGAL DECISION-MAKING OR PARENTING TIME MODIFICATION PETITION
9 FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-411, THE COURT IS PROHIBITED FROM TAKING
10 TESTIMONY OR RULING ON A LEGAL DECISION-MAKING OR PARENTING TIME PETITION
11 BASED SOLELY ON AN ALLEGATION OF PARENTAL ALIENATION.

12 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "PARENTAL ALIENATION" MEANS
13 THE PSYCHOLOGICAL MANIPULATION OF A CHILD INTO SHOWING UNWARRANTED FEAR,
14 DISRESPECT OR HOSTILITY TOWARD A PARENT OR ANOTHER FAMILY MEMBER, OR BOTH.