

REFERENCE TITLE: parenting time; expert testimony; qualifications

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AN ACT

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

4 25-407.01. Parenting time hearings; domestic violence; abuse;
5 expert witness testimony; qualifications;
6 prohibition; definitions

7 A. IN ANY PARENTING TIME PROCEEDING IN WHICH A PARENT HAS BEEN
8 ALLEGED TO HAVE COMMITTED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR ABUSE, THE COURT MAY TAKE
9 TESTIMONY FROM AN EXPERT WITNESS RELATING TO THE ALLEGED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
10 OR ABUSE ONLY IF THE EXPERT WITNESS HAS DEMONSTRATED BOTH EXPERTISE AND
11 CLINICAL EXPERIENCE IN WORKING WITH VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR ABUSE.
12 THE DEMONSTRATED EXPERTISE OF THE EXPERT WITNESS MAY NOT BE SOLELY OF A
13 FORENSIC NATURE.

14 B. PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING, PRINCIPLES, DIAGNOSES AND CONCEPTS THAT
15 MAY BE USED BY AN EXPERT WITNESS UNDER THIS SECTION ARE LIMITED TO
16 TESTING, PRINCIPLES, DIAGNOSES AND CONCEPTS THAT HAVE BEEN EMPIRICALLY
17 ESTABLISHED AND GENERALLY ACCEPTED AS VALID AND RELIABLE FOR THE
18 PARAMETERS AND CONDITIONS TESTED OR THE ISSUES EVALUATED.

19 C. THE COURT MAY NOT ALLOW EVIDENCE RELATING TO POLYGRAPH
20 EXAMINATIONS, VOICE-STRESS ANALYSIS OR OTHER PSYCHOLOGICAL MEASURES.

21 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

22 1. "ABUSE" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 8-201.

23 2. "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION
24 13-3601.

25 3. "FORENSIC" MEANS ANY PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT
26 TO A COURT ORDER OR FOR USE IN LITIGATION, INCLUDING THE EVALUATION OR
27 TREATMENT OF A PARENT, CHILD OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL WHO IS INVOLVED IN A
28 PARENTING TIME PROCEEDING.