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extended foster care service model

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SENATE BILL 1303

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 4, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 8-521.03; RELATING TO EXTENDED FOSTER CARE.

(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 8-521.03, to read:

4 8-521.03. Extended foster care comprehensive service model;
5 extended foster care success coaching program;
6 quality review committee; reporting requirements;
7 fund; definitions

8 A. WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, THE
9 DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE A SCOPE OF WORK FOR AN EXTENDED FOSTER CARE
10 COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE MODEL THAT INCLUDES SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND REQUIRED
11 CASE MANAGEMENT PROVIDED BY CONTRACTED COMMUNITY PROVIDERS FOR YOUNG
12 ADULTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXTENDED FOSTER CARE PROGRAM. THE EXTENDED
13 FOSTER CARE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE MODEL SCOPE OF WORK SHALL INCLUDE:

- 14 1. WEEKLY ENGAGEMENT WITH EACH YOUNG ADULT.
- 15 2. LIFE SKILLS TRAINING.
- 16 3. MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING.
- 17 4. RELATIONAL PERMANENCY.
- 18 5. EDUCATION AND ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE.
- 19 6. ASSISTANCE WITH ACCESSING SAFE HOUSING ATTAINMENT AND STABILITY
20 FOR YOUNG ADULTS.
- 21 7. CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT PLANNING AND READINESS.
- 22 8. ASSISTANCE WITH ACCESSING TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR YOUNG
23 ADULTS.

24 9. FLEXIBLE FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF THE YOUNG ADULT,
25 INCLUDING EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND JOB TRAINING OR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

26 B. THE EXTENDED FOSTER CARE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE MODEL SHALL
27 INCLUDE AN EXTENDED FOSTER CARE SUCCESS COACHING PROGRAM FOR YOUNG ADULTS
28 IN THE EXTENDED FOSTER CARE PROGRAM. EACH EXTENDED FOSTER CARE SUCCESS
29 COACH SHALL HAVE A CASELOAD OF NOT MORE THAN TWENTY YOUNG ADULTS. THE
30 EXTENDED FOSTER CARE SUCCESS COACHING PROGRAM SHALL BE BASED ON A PRACTICE
31 THAT IS YOUTH DRIVEN AND SHALL DO THE FOLLOWING:

- 32 1. PROMOTE PERMANENT CONNECTIONS.
- 33 2. SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION AND SKILL
34 SET THAT ENABLES YOUNG ADULTS TO GAIN AND MAINTAIN EMPLOYMENT TO SUPPORT
35 THEIR FINANCIAL NEEDS.
- 36 3. ASSIST YOUNG ADULTS TO RESIDE IN SAFE, STABLE AND SECURE
37 HOUSING.
- 38 4. LINK YOUNG ADULTS TO APPROPRIATE SERVICES THAT ADDRESS PHYSICAL
39 AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS.
- 40 5. BUILD SKILLS FOR DEVELOPING PERSONAL AGENCY.
- 41 6. ENSURE THAT YOUNG ADULTS HAVE THE COGNITIVE AND SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL
42 COMPETENCIES ESSENTIAL TO SURVIVAL.

43 C. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUPERVISE AND MONITOR THE SUCCESS OF THE
44 EXTENDED FOSTER CARE SUCCESS COACHING PROGRAM.

1 D. EACH EXTENDED FOSTER CARE SUCCESS COACH SHALL:
2 1. SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A DEPARTMENT-ADMINISTERED FOSTER CARE
3 SUCCESS COACH TRAINING PROGRAM.
4 2. POSSESS A BACHELOR'S OR ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE OR HAVE EQUIVALENT
5 CREDITS EQUAL TO AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE. IN LIEU OF A DEGREE OR CREDITS,
6 AN EXTENDED FOSTER CARE SUCCESS COACH MAY POSSESS SKILLS THAT THE COACH
7 ACQUIRED THROUGH ALTERNATIVE ROUTES SUCH AS RELEVANT JOB TRAINING,
8 COMMUNITY COLLEGE ATTENDANCE, MILITARY SERVICE OR AN APPRENTICESHIP.
9 3. HAVE EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH YOUTH OR YOUNG ADULTS.
10 4. EXHIBIT THE BELIEF THAT ALL YOUNG ADULTS HAVE THE CAPACITY TO BE
11 SUCCESSFUL IN LIFE.
12 E. THE EXTENDED FOSTER CARE SUCCESS COACHING PROGRAM SHALL:
13 1. OPERATE FROM AN EVIDENCE-BASED FRAMEWORK.
14 2. ENSURE THAT THE YOUNG ADULTS SERVED ARE AWARE OF THEIR RIGHTS TO
15 NORMALCY.
16 3. ASSIST YOUNG ADULTS TO ADVOCATE WITH CAREGIVERS TO EXPERIENCE
17 ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT MEET INDIVIDUAL INTERESTS.
18 4. SUPPORT CAREGIVERS IN IDENTIFYING ROOT CAUSES OF BEHAVIORS THAT
19 PRESENT BARRIERS TO TRANSITION AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES THAT ASSIST YOUNG
20 ADULTS IN HEALING AND ADDRESSING UNDERLYING TRAUMA.
21 5. DEVELOP FEEDBACK THAT ALLOWS YOUNG ADULTS TO COMMUNICATE THEIR
22 NEEDS AND SATISFACTION WITH PROVIDED SERVICES.
23 6. DELIVER INTERVENTIONS THAT ARE TAILORED TO EACH YOUNG ADULT'S
24 STRENGTHS AND EXPERIENCES.
25 F. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SOLICIT AGENCIES TO ADMINISTER THE EXTENDED
26 FOSTER CARE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE MODEL WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE
27 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION AND SELECT AN AGENCY WITHIN NINETY DAYS
28 AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT
29 THE EXTENDED FOSTER CARE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE MODEL WITHIN ONE HUNDRED
30 FIFTY DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.
31 G. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH AN EXTENDED FOSTER CARE QUALITY
32 REVIEW COMMITTEE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT CONSISTING OF DEPARTMENT STAFF
33 MEMBERS. THE COMMITTEE SHALL CONFIRM THAT A YOUNG ADULT WHO PARTICIPATES
34 IN THE EXTENDED FOSTER CARE PROGRAM MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
35 1. THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.
36 2. HAS CONNECTIONS TO SUPPORTIVE ADULTS WHO ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED
37 IN THE YOUNG ADULT'S LIFE.
38 3. HAS A PERSON-CENTERED CASE AND TRANSITION PLAN THAT SUPPORTS THE
39 YOUNG ADULT'S IDENTIFIED GOALS AND FUTURE PLANNING.
40 4. IS ACQUIRING INDIVIDUALIZED SKILLS TO DEVELOP THE TOOLS THAT ARE
41 NEEDED TO THRIVE OUTSIDE OF THE EXTENDED FOSTER CARE PROGRAM.
42 H. ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
43 SUBMIT TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE, THE SENATE HEALTH AND
44 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, OR ITS SUCCESSOR COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE OF
45 REPRESENTATIVES HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, OR ITS SUCCESSOR

1 COMMITTEE, A REPORT ON THE EXTENDED FOSTER CARE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE
2 MODEL. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE DATA AND STATISTICS ON:

3 1. THE SUPPORT AND SERVICES TO BE OFFERED BY THE EXTENDED FOSTER
4 CARE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE MODEL.

5 2. THE EXTENDED FOSTER CARE PROGRAM'S ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.

6 3. THE YOUNG ADULT'S PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES.

7 4. CASE AND TRANSITION PLANNING OPPORTUNITIES.

8 5. HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR YOUNG ADULTS IN THE EXTENDED
9 FOSTER CARE PROGRAM.

10 6. EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS IN THE EXTENDED
11 FOSTER CARE PROGRAM.

12 7. OPPORTUNITIES FOR MENTORS THROUGH THE EXTENDED FOSTER CARE
13 PROGRAM.

14 8. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR YOUNG ADULTS IN THE EXTENDED FOSTER
15 CARE PROGRAM, INCLUDING OBTAINING A DRIVER LICENSE.

16 9. HOUSING, INCLUDING SEMISUPERVISED LIVING ARRANGEMENTS IF THOSE
17 ARRANGEMENTS BEST MEET THE YOUNG ADULT'S NEEDS.

18 I. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET
19 COMMITTEE A QUARTERLY REPORT THAT INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

20 1. THE NUMBER OF YOUNG ADULTS SERVED IN THE EXTENDED FOSTER CARE
21 COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE MODEL.

22 2. THE YOUNG ADULT'S PARTICIPATION IN REGULAR REVIEWS WITH EXTENDED
23 FOSTER CARE STAFF.

24 3. OTHER PERFORMANCE MEASURES AS UPDATED BY THE EXTENDED FOSTER
25 CARE QUALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE AND AS DETERMINED BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
26 JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

27 J. THE EXTENDED FOSTER CARE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE MODEL FUND IS
28 ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT
29 SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY
30 APPROPRIATED AND ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING
31 TO LAPSING OF APPROPRIATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE MONIES IN THE FUND
32 FOR THE PURPOSES PRESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.

33 K. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

34 1. "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY.

35 2. "YOUNG ADULT" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS AT LEAST SEVENTEEN AND
36 ONE-HALF YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE AND WHO
37 PARTICIPATES OR WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE EXTENDED FOSTER CARE PROGRAM
38 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-521.02.