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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 8-847, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 8-847, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 8-847. Periodic review hearings

5 A. After the disposition hearing, the court shall hold periodic
6 review hearings at least once every six months as required by federal law.

7 B. At a proceeding to review the disposition orders of the court,
8 the court shall provide the following persons notice of the review and the
9 right to participate in the proceeding:

10 1. The authorized agency charged with the child's care and custody.

11 2. Any foster parents in whose home the child resided within the
12 last six months or resides at present, except for those foster parents who
13 maintain a receiving foster home where the child has resided for ten days
14 or less. The petitioner shall provide the court with the names and
15 addresses of all foster parents who are entitled to notice pursuant to
16 statute.

17 3. A shelter care facility or receiving foster home where the child
18 resides or has resided within the last six months for more than ten days.
19 The petitioner shall provide the court with the names and addresses of all
20 shelter care facilities and receiving foster homes that are entitled to
21 notice pursuant to this paragraph.

22 4. The child's parent or guardian unless the parental rights of
23 that parent or guardian have been terminated by court action or unless the
24 parent has relinquished rights to the child to an agency or has consented
25 to the adoption of the child as provided in section 8-107.

26 5. The child, if twelve years of age or older.

27 6. The child's relative, as defined in section 8-501, if that
28 relative files a written notice of right of participation with the court.

29 7. A person permitted by the court to intervene as a party in the
30 dependency proceeding.

31 8. A physical custodian of the child within the preceding six
32 months.

33 9. Any person who has filed a petition to adopt or who has physical
34 custody pursuant to a court order in a foster-adoptive placement.

35 10. Any other person as the court may direct.

36 C. AT LEAST FIFTEEN DAYS BEFORE ANY PERIODIC REVIEW HEARING, THE
37 DEPARTMENT SHALL FILE A FACT-BASED REPORT WITH THE COURT AND PROVIDE A
38 COPY OF THE REPORT TO ALL OF THE PARTIES. IF THE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT
39 CONTAINS ADVOCACY OR RECOMMENDATIONS, THE COURT SHALL VIEW THE REPORT IN
40 THE LIGHT MOST FAVORABLE TO THE PARTIES THAT HAVE NOT FILED THE REPORT.
41 THE REPORT SHALL CONTAIN ALL OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

42 1. THE PLACEMENT OF THE CHILD.

43 2. THE SERVICES BEING PROVIDED TO THE CHILD AND THE CHILD'S FAMILY,
44 INCLUDING THE CHILD'S EDUCATIONAL NEEDS.

45 3. THE PROGRESS MADE IN ACHIEVING THE CHILD'S CASE PLAN GOALS.

1 4. WHETHER THE CHILD CONTINUES TO BE DEPENDENT.

2 ~~E.~~ D. At the first periodic review hearing, the court shall
3 consider whether a parent of a child who is under three years of age has
4 substantially neglected or wilfully refused to participate in
5 reunification services offered by the department.

6 ~~D.~~ E. At any periodic review hearing, the court shall consider the
7 health and safety of the child as a paramount concern.

8 ~~E.~~ F. At any periodic review hearing the court shall determine:

9 1. Whether the department has identified and assessed placement of
10 the child with a relative or person who has a significant relationship
11 with the child.

12 2. Whether the parent or guardian has complied with the court order
13 pursuant to section 8-824, subsection ~~D~~ E, paragraph ~~6~~ 7 or PROVIDED THE
14 INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN section 8-842, subsection B, paragraph 1.

15 ~~F.~~ G. If the court finds that a child is no longer dependent,
16 before it dismisses the proceeding the court shall provide notice of the
17 sibling information exchange program established pursuant to section 8-543
18 to the following:

19 1. An adult who is the former dependent child in the proceeding for
20 whom the periodic review hearing is held.

21 2. A parent or guardian with legal custody of the former dependent
22 child for whom the periodic review hearing is held.