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child neglect; prenatal substance exposure

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# **SENATE BILL 1476**

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 13, CHAPTER 36, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 13-3619.01; RELATING TO FAMILY OFFENSES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 13, chapter 36, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended by adding section 13-3619.01, to read:

4 13-3619.01. Child neglect; affirmative defense;  
5 classification

6 A. A PERSON HAVING CUSTODY OF A CHILD COMMITS CHILD NEGLECT BY  
7 ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT HARMS THE CHILD AND THAT INVOLVES NEGLECT AS  
8 DEFINED IN SECTION 8-201, PARAGRAPH 25, SUBDIVISION (c) OR (d).

9 B. IT IS AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IF  
10 THE PERSON IS THE MOTHER OF THE CHILD AND DURING THE MOTHER'S PREGNANCY,  
11 THE MOTHER COMPLETED ALCOHOL OR DRUG TREATMENT.

12 C. CHILD NEGLECT IS A CLASS 6 FELONY.