

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
Fifty-second Legislature  
First Regular Session  
2015

**CHAPTER 198**  
**HOUSE BILL 2047**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 8-822, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO REMOVAL OF CHILDREN.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2 Section 1. Section 8-822, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:  
4 8-822. Removal of child from home; rules and policies;  
5 approval; definition  
6 A. The department shall adopt rules and establish clear policies and  
7 procedures, where appropriate, to:  
8 1. Determine the circumstances under which it is appropriate to remove  
9 a child from the custody of the child's parents, guardian or custodian.  
10 2. Ensure the immediate notification of the child's parents, guardian  
11 or custodian regarding the removal of the child from home, school or child  
12 care and the timely interview of the child and the child's parent, guardian  
13 or custodian.  
14 B. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT  
15 MAY NOT REMOVE A CHILD FROM THE CUSTODY OF THE CHILD'S PARENTS, GUARDIAN OR  
16 CUSTODIAN UNLESS BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING OCCUR BEFORE THE REMOVAL:  
17 1. THE CHILD SAFETY WORKER WHO IS RECOMMENDING THE REMOVAL SUBMITS THE  
18 REASONS FOR REMOVAL AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION TO THE WORKER'S SUPERVISOR.  
19 2. THE WORKER'S SUPERVISOR REVIEWS THE REASONS AND SUPPORTING  
20 INFORMATION AND APPROVES THE REMOVAL.  
21 C. IF AN EMERGENCY EXISTS AFFECTING THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF A CHILD, A  
22 CHILD SAFETY WORKER MAY REMOVE THE CHILD BEFORE NOTIFYING THE WORKER'S  
23 SUPERVISOR. THE CHILD SAFETY WORKER SHALL SUBMIT THE REASONS FOR REMOVAL AND  
24 SUPPORTING INFORMATION TO THE WORKER'S SUPERVISOR FOR THE SUPERVISOR'S REVIEW  
25 AND APPROVAL WITHIN TWO HOURS AFTER THE REMOVAL OF THE CHILD OR, IF THE  
26 REMOVAL OCCURS AFTER REGULAR WORKING HOURS, BY 8:30 A.M. THE NEXT DAY.  
27 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "SUPERVISOR" INCLUDES THE  
28 PERMANENT SUPERVISOR OF A CHILD SAFETY WORKER AND A TEMPORARY SUPERVISOR  
29 ASSIGNED TO THE CHILD SAFETY WORKER IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PERMANENT  
30 SUPERVISOR.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 6, 2015.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 7, 2015.