

REFERENCE TITLE: psychotropic drugs; foster children; report

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# SB 1236

Introduced by  
Senator Lesko

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 4, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 8-512.02; RELATING TO FOSTER CHILDREN.

(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 8-512.02, to read:

4 8-512.02. Psychotropic medications; report; definition

5 A. ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 31 OF EVERY ODD NUMBERED YEAR, THE  
6 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY AND THE  
7 ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION SHALL PREPARE A  
8 REPORT THAT COMPARES THE PRESCRIPTION RATE OF PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS  
9 PRESCRIBED TO FOSTER CHILDREN WHO RECEIVE SERVICES FROM THE ARIZONA HEALTH  
10 CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM WITH THE PRESCRIPTION RATE OF PSYCHOTROPIC  
11 MEDICATIONS PRESCRIBED TO ENROLLED NONFOSTER CHILDREN WHO RECEIVE THESE  
12 SERVICES.

13 B. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

14 1. THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN RECEIVING PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS  
15 DELINEATED BY:

16 (a) AGE GROUP.

17 (b) TYPE OF PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION.

18 (c) NUMBER OF PRESCRIPTIONS.

19 (d) NUMBER OF CHILDREN PRESCRIBED ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR AND FIVE OR  
20 MORE PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS.

21 2. THE NUMBER OF PSYCHIATRISTS AND PHYSICIANS PRESCRIBING  
22 PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS TO FOSTER CHILDREN, INCLUDING THOSE SUBMITTING TO  
23 MEDICAID FOR TREATMENT REIMBURSEMENT.

24 3. THE PSYCHIATRISTS AND PHYSICIANS WHO HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF  
25 PRESCRIPTIONS TO CHILDREN UNDER STATE CARE OF THE FOLLOWING MEDICATIONS:

26 (a) ANTIPSYCHOTICS.

27 (b) ANTIDEPRESSANTS.

28 (c) PSYCHOSTIMULANTS.

29 (d) MOOD STABILIZERS.

30 (e) ANTIANXIETY DRUGS.

31 4. A SUMMARY OF COMPLIANCE WITH INFORMED CONSENT REQUIREMENTS FOR  
32 ENROLLED CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE.

33 5. THE ANNUAL COSTS OF PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS TO CHILDREN UNDER  
34 STATE CARE.

35 C. THE REPORT SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE HOUSE  
36 OF REPRESENTATIVES HEALTH COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN  
37 SERVICES COMMITTEE, OR THE CHAIRPERSONS OF ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, AND A  
38 COPY OF THE REPORT SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

39 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION"  
40 MEANS A MEDICATION THAT IS PRESCRIBED FOR THE TREATMENT OF SYMPTOMS OF  
41 PSYCHOSIS OR ANOTHER MENTAL, EMOTIONAL OR BEHAVIORAL DISORDER AND THAT IS  
42 USED TO EXERCISE AN EFFECT ON THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM TO INFLUENCE AND  
43 MODIFY BEHAVIOR, COGNITION OR AFFECTIVE STATE. PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION  
44 INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING WHEN USED AS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION:

- 1        1. PSYCHOMOTOR STIMULANTS.
- 2        2. ANTIDEPRESSANTS.
- 3        3. ANTIPSYCHOTICS OR NEUROLEPTICS.
- 4        4. AGENTS FOR CONTROL OF MANIA OR DEPRESSION.
- 5        5. ANTIANXIETY AGENTS.
- 6        6. SEDATIVES, HYPNOTICS OR OTHER SLEEP-PROMOTING MEDICATIONS.