

Senate Engrossed

~~child placement; relative search; notice~~
(now: DCS; hotline allegation data; evaluation)

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SENATE BILL 1076

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. External evaluation and recommendations; child
3 safety services; report; delayed repeal

4 A. The department of child safety shall engage an independent
5 consultant with expertise in advanced analytics to identify statistically
6 significant associations between hotline allegation data within DCS
7 reports and the need for protective service response. Hotline allegation
8 data must include the subcategories of abuse and neglect recorded by the
9 DCS hotline on receipt of a DCS hotline report. The evaluation shall
10 provide the following:

11 1. Identification of the specific types of abuse and neglect by
12 number and percentage of allegations contained within DCS reports.

13 2. Identification of the specific types of abuse and neglect and
14 other DCS report characteristics that were associated with an assessment
15 that the child was unsafe and in need of protective intervention.

16 3. Identification of the specific types of abuse and neglect and
17 other DCS report characteristics that were associated with an
18 investigation assessment that resulted in the removal of a child from the
19 home.

20 4. Identification of the specific types of abuse and neglect and
21 other DCS report characteristics that were associated with an
22 investigation assessment that the child was safe and did not require
23 protective intervention.

24 B. On or before July 1, 2023, the independent consultant shall
25 submit a report of its work, including findings and recommendations, to
26 the governor, the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of
27 representatives and the cochairpersons of the joint legislative oversight
28 committee on the department of child safety and provide a copy to the
29 secretary of state.

30 C. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2023.