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## **SB 1306**

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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 8-341, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO JUVENILE COURT DISPOSITION AND COMMITMENT

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

Section 1. Section 8-341, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

## 8-341. <u>Disposition and commitment; definitions</u>

- A. After receiving and considering the evidence on the proper disposition of the case, the court may enter judgment as follows:
  - 1. It may award a delinquent juvenile:
- (a) To the care of the juvenile's parents, subject to the supervision of a probation department.
- (b) To a probation department, subject to any conditions the court may impose, including a period of incarceration in a juvenile detention center of not more than one year.
- (c) To a reputable citizen of good moral character, subject to the supervision of a probation department.
- (d) To a private agency or institution, subject to the supervision of a probation officer.
  - (e) To the department of juvenile corrections.
- (f) To maternal or paternal relatives, subject to the supervision of a probation department.
- (g) To an appropriate official of a foreign country of which the juvenile is a foreign national who is unaccompanied by a parent or guardian in this state to remain on unsupervised probation for at least one year on the condition that the juvenile cooperate with that official.
  - 2. It may award an incorrigible child:
- (a) To the care of the child's parents, subject to the supervision of a probation department.
- (b) To the protective supervision of a probation department, subject to any conditions the court may impose.
- (c) To a reputable citizen of good moral character, subject to the supervision of a probation department.
- (d) To a public or private agency, subject to the supervision of a probation department.
- (e) To maternal or paternal relatives, subject to the supervision of a probation department.
- B. If a juvenile is placed on probation pursuant to this section, the period of probation may continue until the juvenile's eighteenth birthday or until the juvenile's nineteenth birthday if jurisdiction is retained pursuant to section 8-202, subsection H, except that the term of probation shall not exceed one year if all of the following apply:
  - 1. The juvenile is not charged with a subsequent offense.
- 2. The juvenile has not been found in violation of a condition of probation.
- 3. The court has not made a determination that it is in the best interests of the juvenile or the public to require continued supervision.

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The court shall state by minute entry or written order its reasons for finding that continued supervision is required.

- 4. The offense for which the juvenile is placed on probation does not involve a dangerous offense as defined in section 13-105.
- 5. The offense for which the juvenile is placed on probation does not involve a violation of title 13, chapter 14 or 35.1.
  - 6. Restitution ordered pursuant to section 8-344 has been made.
- C. If a juvenile is adjudicated as a first time felony juvenile offender, the court shall provide the following written notice to the juvenile:

This is your first felony offense. If you commit another felony offense and you are fourteen years of age or older, any of the following could happen to you:

- 1. You could be tried as an adult in adult criminal court.
- 2. You could be committed to the department of juvenile corrections.
- 3. You could be placed on juvenile intensive probation, which could include incarceration in a juvenile detention center.
- D. If a juvenile is fourteen years of age or older and is adjudicated as a repeat felony juvenile offender, unless the court determines based on the severity of the offense and a risk assessment that juvenile intensive probation services are not required, the juvenile court shall place the juvenile on juvenile intensive probation, which may include incarceration in a juvenile detention center, or may commit the juvenile to the department of juvenile corrections pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 1, subdivision (e) of this section.
- E. If the juvenile is adjudicated as a repeat felony juvenile offender, the court shall provide the following written notice to the juvenile:

You are now a repeat felony offender. This means:

- 1. You will be tried as an adult in adult criminal court if you commit another felony offense and you are fifteen years of age or older.
- 2. You could be tried as an adult in adult criminal court if you commit another felony offense when you are at least fourteen years of age.
- 3. You could be incarcerated in the state department of corrections if you are convicted as an adult in adult criminal court.
- F. The failure or inability of the court to provide the notices required under subsections C and E of this section does not preclude the use of the prior adjudications for any purpose otherwise allowed.

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- G. Except as provided in subsection S of this section, after considering the nature of the offense and the age, physical and mental condition and earning capacity of the juvenile, the court shall order the juvenile to pay a reasonable monetary assessment if the court determines that an assessment is in aid of rehabilitation. If the director of the department of juvenile corrections determines that enforcement of an order for monetary assessment as a term and condition of conditional liberty is not cost-effective, the director may require the youth to perform an equivalent amount of community restitution in lieu of the payment ordered as a condition of conditional liberty.
- H. If a child is adjudicated incorrigible, the court may impose a monetary assessment on the child of not more than \$150.
- I. A juvenile who is charged with unlawful purchase, possession or consumption of spirituous liquor is subject to section 8-323. The monetary assessment for a conviction of unlawful purchase, possession or consumption of spirituous liquor by a juvenile shall not exceed \$500. The court of competent jurisdiction may order a monetary assessment or equivalent community restitution.
- J. The court shall require the monetary assessment imposed under subsection G or H of this section on a juvenile who is not committed to the department of juvenile corrections to be satisfied in one or both of the following forms:
- 1. Monetary reimbursement by the juvenile in a lump sum or installment payments through the clerk of the superior court for appropriate distribution.
- 2. A program of work, not in conflict with regular schooling, to repair damage to the victim's property, to provide community restitution or to provide the juvenile with a job for wages. The court order for restitution or monetary assessment shall specify, according to the dispositional program, the amount of reimbursement and the portion of wages of either existing or provided work that is to be credited toward satisfaction of the restitution or assessment, or the nature of the work to be performed and the number of hours to be spent working. The number of hours to be spent working shall be set by the court based on the severity of the offense but shall not be less than sixteen hours.
- K. BEFORE COMMITTING A JUVENILE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS OR A PRIVATE INSTITUTION OR AGENCY, THE COURT MUST FIND THAT NO OTHER ADJUDICATION ALTERNATIVE IS BETTER THAN COMMITMENT AND INCLUDE THE REASONS FOR THIS FINDING IN THE COURT'S MINUTE ENTRY OR WRITTEN ORDER. If a juvenile is committed to the department of juvenile corrections, the court shall specify the amount of the monetary assessment imposed pursuant to subsection G or H of this section.
- L. After considering the length of stay guidelines developed pursuant to section 41-2816, subsection C, the court may set forth in the order of commitment the minimum period during which the juvenile shall

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 remain in secure care while in the custody of the department of juvenile corrections. When the court awards a juvenile to the department of juvenile corrections or an institution or agency, it shall transmit with the order of commitment copies of a diagnostic psychological evaluation and educational assessment if one has been administered, copies of the case report, all other psychological and medical reports, restitution orders, any request for postadjudication notice that has been submitted by a victim and any other documents or records pertaining to the case requested by the department of juvenile corrections or an institution or agency. The department shall not release a juvenile from secure care before the juvenile completes the length of stay determined by the court in the commitment order unless the county attorney in the county from which the juvenile was committed requests the committing court to reduce the length of stay. The department may temporarily escort the juvenile from secure care pursuant to section 41-2804, may release the juvenile from secure care without a further court order after the juvenile completes the length of stay determined by the court or may retain the juvenile in secure care for any period subsequent to the completion of the length of stay in accordance with the law.

- M. Written notice of the release of any juvenile pursuant to subsection L of this section shall be made to any victim requesting notice, the juvenile court that committed the juvenile and the county attorney of the county from which the juvenile was committed.
- N. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, if a person is under the supervision of the court as an adjudicated delinquent juvenile at the time the person reaches eighteen years of age, treatment services may be provided until the person reaches twenty-one years of age if the court, the person and the state agree to the provision of the treatment and a motion to transfer the person pursuant to section 8-327 has not been filed or has been withdrawn. The court may terminate the provision of treatment services after the person reaches eighteen years of age if the court determines that any of the following applies:
  - 1. The person is not progressing toward treatment goals.
  - 2. The person terminates treatment.
- 3. The person commits a new offense after reaching eighteen years of age.
- 4. Continued treatment is not required or is not in the best interests of the state or the person.
- 0. On the request of a victim of an act that may have involved significant exposure as defined in section 13-1415 or that if committed by an adult would be a sexual offense, the prosecuting attorney shall petition the adjudicating court to require that the juvenile be tested for the presence of the human immunodeficiency virus. If the victim is a minor the prosecuting attorney shall file this petition at the request of the victim's parent or guardian. If the act committed against a victim is

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an act that if committed by an adult would be a sexual offense or the court determines that sufficient evidence exists to indicate that significant exposure occurred, it shall order the department of juvenile corrections or the department of health services to test the juvenile pursuant to section 13-1415. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the department of juvenile corrections and the department of health services shall release the test results only to the victim, the delinquent juvenile, the delinquent juvenile's parent or guardian and a minor victim's parent or guardian and shall counsel them regarding the meaning and health implications of the results.

- P. If a juvenile has been adjudicated delinquent for an offense that if committed by an adult would be an offense listed in section 41-1750, subsection C, the court shall provide the department of public safety Arizona automated fingerprint identification system established in section 41-2411 with the juvenile's ten-print fingerprints, personal identification data and other pertinent information. If a juvenile has been committed to the department of juvenile corrections the department shall provide the fingerprints and information required by this subsection to the Arizona automated fingerprint identification system. If the juvenile's fingerprints and information have been previously submitted to the Arizona automated fingerprint identification system the information is not required to be resubmitted.
- Q. Access to fingerprint records submitted pursuant to subsection P of this section shall be limited to the administration of criminal justice as defined in section 41-1750. Dissemination of fingerprint information shall be limited to the name of the juvenile, juvenile case number, date of adjudication and court of adjudication.
- R. If a juvenile is adjudicated delinquent for an offense that if committed by an adult would be a misdemeanor, the court may prohibit the juvenile from carrying or possessing a firearm while the juvenile is under the jurisdiction of the department of juvenile corrections or the juvenile court.
- S. If a juvenile is adjudicated delinquent for a violation of section 13-1602, subsection A, paragraph 5, the court shall order the juvenile to pay a fine of at least \$300 but not more than \$1,000. Any restitution ordered shall be paid in accordance with section 13-809, subsection A. The court may order the juvenile to perform community restitution in lieu of the payment for all or part of the fine if it is in the best interests of the juvenile. The court shall credit community restitution performed at a rate that is equal to the minimum wage prescribed by section 23-363, subsections A and B, rounded up to the nearest dollar. If the juvenile is convicted of a second or subsequent violation of section 13-1602, subsection A, paragraph 5 and is ordered to perform community restitution, the court may order the parent or guardian

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of the juvenile to assist the juvenile in the performance of the community restitution if both of the following apply:

- 1. The parent or guardian had knowledge that the juvenile intended to engage in or was engaging in the conduct that gave rise to the violation.
- 2. The parent or guardian knowingly provided the juvenile with the means to engage in the conduct that gave rise to the violation.
- T. If a juvenile is adjudicated delinquent for an offense involving the purchase, possession or consumption of spirituous liquor or a violation of title 13, chapter 34 and is placed on juvenile probation, the court may order the juvenile to submit to random drug and alcohol testing at least two times per week as a condition of probation.
- U. If jurisdiction of the juvenile court is retained pursuant to section 8-202, subsection H, the court shall order continued probation supervision and treatment services until a child who has been adjudicated a delinquent juvenile reaches nineteen years of age or until otherwise terminated by the court. The court may terminate continued probation supervision or treatment services before the child's nineteenth birthday if the court determines that continued probation supervision or treatment is not required or is not in the best interests of the juvenile or the state or the juvenile commits a criminal offense after reaching eighteen years of age.
  - V. For the purposes of this section:
- 1. "First time felony juvenile offender" means a juvenile who is adjudicated delinquent for an offense that would be a felony offense if committed by an adult.
- 2. "Repeat felony juvenile offender" means a juvenile to whom both of the following apply:
- (a) Is adjudicated delinquent for an offense that would be a felony offense if committed by an adult.
- (b) Previously has been adjudicated a first time felony juvenile offender.
- 3. "Sexual offense" means oral sexual contact, sexual contact or sexual intercourse as defined in section 13-1401.

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