

REFERENCE TITLE: DES; required offices; geographic accessibility

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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 41-1970; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 14, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-1970, to read:

4 41-1970. Required offices; geographic accessibility; public
5 assistance programs; DES; AHCCCS

6 A. IN ADDITION TO ANY ONLINE ELIGIBILITY OR IDENTITY VERIFICATION
7 SYSTEM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE, AT ALL TIMES, GEOGRAPHICALLY
8 ACCESSIBLE OFFICES WITH CONSISTENT HOURS OF OPERATION THROUGHOUT THIS
9 STATE, INCLUDING ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS, TO ALLOW RESIDENTS TO RECEIVE
10 INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS, PROVIDE IDENTIFICATION FOR VERIFICATION,
11 RETURN APPLICATIONS AND MAINTAIN ELIGIBILITY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT
12 COMPENSATION, TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES, THE SUPPLEMENTAL
13 NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND ALL PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE ARIZONA
14 HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION, INCLUDING MEDICAID,
15 THE ARIZONA LONG-TERM CARE SYSTEM AND THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE
16 PROGRAM.

17 B. THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE
18 ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM TO COMPLY WITH THE
19 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.

20 Sec. 2. Emergency

21 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
22 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
23 law.