

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
SENATE AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1205
(Reference to printed bill)

1 Page 1, between lines 1 and 2 insert:

2 "Section 1. Title 8, chapter 4, article 4, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 8-526, to read:

4 8-526. Child welfare; reporting requirements

5 A. The department shall make available program and outcomes data on
6 its website as provided in this section, in a format that can be downloaded
7 and that is conducive to analysis.

8 B. The department shall make available the following information on a
9 semiannual basis by September 30 for the period ending the prior June 30
10 and by March 31 for the period ending the prior December 31:

11 1. Success in meeting training requirements.

12 2. Caseloads for child safety workers.

13 3. The number of new reports and reports that have been closed.

14 4. The number of case-carrying caseworkers in each region.

15 5. The number of investigations by region.

16 6. The number of children being served in-home and the number of
17 children being served out-of-home by each region.

18 7. The total number of reports received, by major category and by
19 priority.

20 8. The number of reports not responded to, by priority, by county and
21 statewide.

1 9. The number of reports assigned for investigation by priority and
2 by major category, by county and statewide for the current and previous
3 reporting periods.

4 10. The number of reports for investigations completed by priority
5 and by major category, by county and statewide for the current and previous
6 reporting periods and as categorized by investigations that resulted in:

7 (a) A substantiated report.

8 (b) A report currently proposed for substantiation.

9 (c) An unsubstantiated report.

10 11. The number of reports assigned for investigation that remain open
11 for investigation by priority and by major category, by county and
12 statewide for the current and previous reporting periods.

13 12. Of the number of children reported to the department, the
14 percentage of children placed in out-of-home care by county and statewide.

15 13. The number of newborn infants delivered to safe haven providers
16 pursuant to section 13-3623.01.

17 14. The number of children entering out-of-home care by county during
18 the reporting period, and the number and percentage of the children
19 entering out-of-home care by county during the reporting period who are
20 voluntary placements for children under eighteen years of age.

21 15. The number and percentage of children removed during the
22 reporting period, by county and statewide, who had been in out-of-home
23 care:

24 (a) Within the previous twelve months.

25 (b) Within the previous twenty-four months, excluding the children
26 included in subdivision (a) of this paragraph.

27 16. The number and percentage of children who have remained in a
28 shelter or receiving home for more than twenty-one consecutive days, by the
29 child's age group.

1 17. The total number of licensed foster homes, the number of licensed
2 foster homes considered kinship homes, the number of licensed community
3 foster homes and the number of available spaces in licensed community
4 foster homes.

5 18. The number of licensed foster homes that receive the required
6 visitation by licensing agency representatives pursuant to section 8-516.

7 19. The number of children placed in the care, custody and control of
8 the department at the end of the reporting period and the number of these
9 children who receive the required visitation by case managers pursuant to
10 section 8-516.

11 20. The number and percentage of children who are in the care,
12 custody and control of the department at the end of the reporting period
13 and who are in out-of-home placement and as categorized by:

14 (a) Age.

15 (b) Ethnicity.

16 (c) Case plan goal.

17 (d) Type of out-of-home placement, categorized by age.

18 (e) Length of time in out-of-home placement of less than thirty days,
19 thirty-one days to twelve consecutive months, twelve to twenty-four
20 consecutive months and more than twenty-four consecutive months, including
21 the median, average and range of the number of out-of-home placements.

22 (f) Primary legal status including voluntary placement for a child
23 under eighteen years of age, temporary custody, adjudicated dependent, free
24 for adoption, voluntary placement for a child over eighteen years of age,
25 dually adjudicated or any other legal status.

26 21. If the case plan is to return the child to the parent, the
27 percentage of parents who receive the required contact by case managers.

1 22. The number and percentage of children who left the custody of the
2 department during the reporting period by reason for leaving care and as
3 categorized by:

4 (a) Age.

5 (b) Ethnicity.

6 (c) Number of placements.

7 (d) Average length of time in care.

8 23. The number of children with a petition for termination of
9 parental rights granted and not granted during the reporting period by
10 county and statewide.

11 24. The number and percentage of children with a case plan goal of
12 adoption and who are not placed in an adoptive home at the end of the
13 reporting period and as categorized by:

14 (a) Age.

15 (b) Ethnicity.

16 (c) Average length of time in care.

17 (d) Legal status.

18 25. The number and percentage of children with a case plan goal of
19 adoption and who are placed in an adoptive home at the end of the reporting
20 period and as categorized by:

21 (a) Age.

22 (b) Ethnicity.

23 (c) Average length of time in out-of-home placement.

24 (d) Length of time from change of case plan goal to adoptive
25 placement.

26 (e) Legal status.

27 (f) Marital status and relationship of the adoptive parent or parents
28 to the child.

1 26. The number of children whose adoptive placement was disrupted
2 during the reporting period and as categorized by:

3 (a) Age.

4 (b) Ethnicity.

5 (c) Cause of the disruption.

6 (d) Marital status and relationship of the adoptive parent or parents
7 to the child.

8 27. The number of children whose adoptions were finalized during the
9 reporting period and as categorized by:

10 (a) Average length of time in out-of-home placement before adoptive
11 placement.

12 (b) Average length of time in adoptive placement before the final
13 order of adoption.

14 (c) Marital status and relationship of the adoptive parent or parents
15 to the child.

16 28. The number of children who died while in the custody of the
17 department by the county where the death occurred and as categorized by:

18 (a) The cause of death.

19 (b) The type of out-of-home placement at the time of death.

20 29. The number of children with an open or active child safety
21 services case who died due to abuse, categorized by the person or persons
22 who had care or custody of the child at the time of the child's death as
23 follows:

24 (a) Biological parent or parents.

25 (b) Other family member.

26 (c) Adoptive parent or parents.

27 (d) Foster care parent or parents.

28 (e) Other out-of-home care provider.

1 30. The number of children with an open or active child safety
2 services case who died due to abuse allegedly caused by an adult household
3 member who is not listed pursuant to paragraph 29 of this subsection.

4 31. The ratio of supervisors to specialists by region.

5 32. The source and use of federal monies in the department.

6 33. The source and use of state monies in the department.

7 34. INFORMATION REGARDING THE EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT OF FOSTER
8 CHILDREN PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-530.04 INCLUDING:

9 (A) THE NUMBER OF BEST INTEREST EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT DETERMINATIONS
10 CONDUCTED.

11 (B) THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO ENTERED FOSTER CARE AND WHO DID NOT
12 RECEIVE A BEST INTEREST EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT DETERMINATION.

13 (C) THE FINAL OUTCOME OF EACH BEST INTEREST EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT
14 DETERMINATION.

15 (D) DATA REGARDING THE TRANSPORTATION OF FOSTER CARE CHILDREN,
16 INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION COSTS.

17 C. Based on the data presented in each reporting period, the
18 department, in as brief a format as possible, shall describe three to five
19 major challenges the department faces in achieving the goal of safe,
20 permanent homes for abused and neglected children.

21 D. Within three months after the end of each reporting period the
22 department shall submit a written report in as brief a format as possible
23 to the governor, the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of
24 representatives, the chairperson of the house human services committee, the
25 chairperson of the senate family services committee, or their successor
26 committees, and the cochairpersons of the joint legislative committee on
27 children and family services. The department shall submit a copy of the
28 report to the secretary of state.

1 E. The department shall make available the following information on
2 an annual basis:

3 1. The percentage of substantiations upheld by the office of
4 administrative hearings.

5 2. The demographics and number of children placed with relative
6 caregivers.

7 3. The demographics of kinship foster caregivers.

8 4. The number of relative children per kinship foster care family.

9 5. The department's success at maintaining kinship foster care
10 placements.

11 6. The type and cost of services provided to kinship foster care
12 families by licensed and unlicensed caregivers.

13 7. The cost of services provided to kinship foster caregivers
14 compared to the cost of out-of-home placements.

15 8. The number of children and families, by district, receiving
16 services through the housing assistance program during the previous fiscal
17 year.

18 9. The total amount of money spent on the housing assistance program
19 by region.

20 10. A programmatic and fiscal evaluation of the effectiveness of the
21 housing assistance program that includes the amount of foster care
22 expenditures avoided.

23 11. The number of children in the independent living program by age,
24 county and education status.

25 12. Beginning with the 2022 data period, the statewide number of
26 children in substantiated reports for investigation that are received in
27 the twelve months before the current annual reporting period and that
28 allege neglect as defined in section 8-201, paragraph 25, ~~subsection~~
29 **SUBDIVISION(c)** and the number of children in these reports who were:

1 (a) Removed within thirty days after the date the report is received.

2 (b) Removed within six months after the date the report is received.

3 F. The department shall make available the following information on a
4 monthly basis:

5 1. Operations and workforce data measures that include:

6 (a) Staff vacancy levels by position category and turnover.

7 (b) New hires, separations, turnover and voluntary attrition
8 delineated by field position, safety specialists, hotline staff,
9 caseworkers in training, program, program supervisors, case aides, office
10 of child welfare investigations staff and administrative staff.

11 (c) Hotline performance.

12 (d) Reports received by maltreatment type, priority and response
13 time.

14 (e) Inactive cases by disposition.

15 (f) Open reports.

16 (g) Entries and exits from the foster care population by exit type.

17 (h) Support service provision.

18 (i) Demographics, placement types and case plan goals of the foster
19 care population.

20 (j) The number and type of licensed foster homes that leave the
21 foster care system and the reason for the exit.

22 2. Financial data that compares total expenditures each month and
23 year-to-date as compared to prior year totals, appropriation totals and
24 projected expenditure totals, delineated by appropriation and appropriated
25 fund source.

26 G. The department shall make the information required pursuant to
27 subsection F of this section available within sixty days after the end of
28 the applicable reporting period.

1 H. The department shall notify the president of the senate, the
2 speaker of the house of representatives, the director of the joint
3 legislative budget committee and the director of the governor's office of
4 strategic planning and budgeting when an update is made on information that
5 must be made available pursuant to subsection B or F of this section."

6 Renumber to conform

7 Page 1, line 7, after the first comma insert "THE CHILD, IF APPROPRIATE,"; strike
8 "PRIMARY CAREGIVER," insert "THE PARENT, GUARDIAN OR CUSTODIAN, CAREGIVER
9 OR FOSTER PARENT AND"

10 Line 8, after the first "FROM" insert "THE LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY OR"; strike
11 "AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM"

12 Line 9, strike "THE CHILD'S POTENTIAL NEW EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION"; strike
13 "WHICH"

14 Line 10, strike "EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD"
15 insert "IF IT IS IN THE CHILD'S BEST INTEREST TO REMAIN IN THEIR SCHOOL OF
16 ORIGIN"

17 Strike line 11, insert "SHALL BE BASED ON ALL FACTORS RELATING TO THE CHILD'S
18 BEST INTEREST, INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF THE CHILD'S"

19 Line 12, after "UNIQUE" insert "EDUCATIONAL"; after "NEEDS" insert ",
20 APPROPRIATENESS OF THE CURRENT EDUCATIONAL SETTING AND THE PROXIMITY TO THE
21 SCHOOL IN WHICH THE CHILD IS ENROLLED AT THE TIME OF PLACEMENT"; strike
22 "CHILD'S SCHOOL OF ORIGIN" insert "DEPARTMENT"

23 Line 14, after the period insert "IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT THE SCHOOL OF
24 ORIGIN IS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD, THEN THE NEW EDUCATIONAL
25 INSTITUTION SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE DETERMINATION PROCESS."

26 Line 26, after "INTEREST" strike remainder of line

27 Line 27, strike "OUTSIDE OF THE CHILD'S CURRENT SCHOOL DISTRICT" insert ". IN
28 ENSURING A CHILD RECEIVES TRANSPORTATION TO THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION
29 DETERMINED TO BE IN THE CHILD'S BEST INTEREST, THE DEPARTMENT MAY
30 COORDINATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES
31 AND ENTER INTO NECESSARY INFORMATION SHARING, DATA SHARING AND FINANCIAL
32 AGREEMENTS"

Senate Amendments to S.B. 1205

- 1 Page 1, line 30, strike “PRIMARY CAREGIVER” insert “PARENT, GUARDIAN, CUSTODIAN,
- 2 CAREGIVER OR FOSTER PARENT”
- 3 Strike lines 32 through 42
- 4 Strike pages 2 through 8
- 5 Amend title to conform

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