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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 36-551, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 36-551, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 36-551. Definitions

5 In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

6 1. "Adaptive behavior" means the effectiveness or degree to which a  
7 person meets the standards of personal independence and social  
8 responsibility expected of the person's age and cultural group.

9 2. "Adult developmental home" means a residential setting in a  
10 family home in which the care, physical custody and supervision of the  
11 adult client are the responsibility, under a twenty-four-hour care model,  
12 of the licensee who, in that capacity, is not an employee of the division  
13 or of a service provider and the home provides the following services for  
14 a group of siblings or up to three adults with developmental disabilities:

- 15 (a) Room and board.
- 16 (b) Habilitation.
- 17 (c) Appropriate personal care.
- 18 (d) Appropriate supervision.

19 3. "Adult household member":

20 (a) Means a person who is at least eighteen years of age and who  
21 resides in an adult developmental home, child developmental home or other  
22 home and community based service setting for at least thirty days or who  
23 resides in the household throughout the year for more than a cumulative  
24 total of thirty days.

25 (b) Does not include a person who is receiving developmental  
26 disabilities services from the department.

27 4. "Advisory council" means the developmental disabilities advisory  
28 council.

29 5. "Arizona training program facility" means a state-operated  
30 institution for clients of the department with developmental disabilities.

31 6. "Attributable to cognitive disability, epilepsy, cerebral palsy  
32 or autism" means that there is a causal relationship between the presence  
33 of an impairing condition and the developmental disability.

34 7. "Autism" means a condition characterized by severe disorders in  
35 communication and behavior resulting in limited ability to communicate,  
36 understand, learn and participate in social relationships.

37 8. "Behavioral-supported group home" means a community residential  
38 setting that meets all of the following:

39 (a) Is for not more than six persons with developmental  
40 disabilities.

41 (b) Is operated by a service provider under contract with the  
42 department.

1 (c) Provides room and board, daily habilitation, assistance in  
2 self-administering medication and medication administration and behavioral  
3 health services for clients with dual disorders, including psychiatric  
4 disorders and developmental disabilities, who engage in behaviors that are  
5 disruptive, socially inappropriate or harmful or dangerous to self or  
6 others, that interfere with functioning and quality of life or that may  
7 cause destruction of property.

8 9. "Case management" means coordinating the assistance needed by  
9 persons with developmental disabilities and their families in order to  
10 ensure that persons with developmental disabilities attain their maximum  
11 potential for independence, productivity and integration into the  
12 community.

13 10. "Case manager" means a person who coordinates the  
14 implementation of the individual program plan of goals, objectives and  
15 appropriate services for persons with developmental disabilities.

16 11. "Cerebral palsy" means a permanently disabling condition  
17 resulting from damage to the developing brain that may occur before, after  
18 or during birth and that results in loss or impairment of control over  
19 voluntary muscles.

20 12. "Child developmental certified home" means a regular foster  
21 home as defined in section 8-501 that is licensed pursuant to section  
22 8-509 and that is certified by the department pursuant to section  
23 36-593.01.

24 13. "Child developmental home" means a residential setting in a  
25 family home in which the care and supervision of the child are the  
26 responsibility, under a twenty-four-hour care model, of the licensee who  
27 serves as the developmental home provider of the child in the home setting  
28 and who, in that capacity, is not an employee of the division or of a  
29 service provider and the home provides the following services for a group  
30 of siblings or up to three children with developmental disabilities:

- 31 (a) Room and board.
- 32 (b) Habilitation.
- 33 (c) Appropriate personal care.
- 34 (d) Appropriate supervision.

35 14. "Client" means a person receiving developmental disabilities  
36 services from the department.

37 15. "Cognitive disability" means a condition that involves  
38 subaverage general intellectual functioning, that exists concurrently with  
39 deficits in adaptive behavior manifested before the age of eighteen and  
40 that is sometimes referred to as intellectual disability.

41 16. "Community residential setting":

42 (a) Means a residential setting in which persons with developmental  
43 disabilities live and are provided with appropriate supervision by the  
44 service provider responsible for operating the residential setting.

1 (b) Includes a child developmental home or an adult developmental  
2 home operated or contracted by the department or the department's  
3 contracted vendor, a group home operated or contracted by the department  
4 or a behavioral-supported group home or nursing-supported group home  
5 contracted by the department.

6 17. "Consent" means voluntary informed consent. Consent is  
7 voluntary if not given as the result of coercion or undue influence.  
8 Consent is informed if the person giving the consent has been informed of  
9 and comprehends the nature, purpose, consequences, risks and benefits of  
10 the alternatives to the procedure, and has been informed and comprehends  
11 that withholding or withdrawing consent will not prejudice the future  
12 provision of care and services to the client. In cases of unusual or  
13 hazardous treatment procedures performed pursuant to section 36-561,  
14 subsection A, experimental research, organ transplantation and  
15 nontherapeutic surgery, consent is informed if, in addition to the  
16 foregoing, the person giving the consent has been informed of and  
17 comprehends the method to be used in the proposed procedure.

18 18. "Daily habilitation" means habilitation as defined in this  
19 section, except that the method of payment is for one unit per residential  
20 day.

21 19. "Department" means the department of economic security.

22 20. "Developmental disability" means either a strongly demonstrated  
23 potential that a child who is under six years of age has a developmental  
24 disability or will develop a developmental disability, as determined by a  
25 test performed pursuant to section 36-694 or by other appropriate tests,  
26 or a severe, chronic disability that:

27 (a) Is attributable to a cognitive disability, cerebral palsy,  
28 epilepsy, ~~Down syndrome or~~ autism OR OTHER PATHOGENIC GENETIC MUTATION  
29 ASSOCIATED WITH NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, INCLUDING DOWN SYNDROME  
30 OR PRADER-WILLI SYNDROME.

31 (b) Is manifested before the age of eighteen.

32 (c) Is likely to continue indefinitely.

33 (d) Results in substantial functional limitations in three or more  
34 of the following areas of major life activity:

35 (i) Self-care.

36 (ii) Receptive and expressive language.

37 (iii) Learning.

38 (iv) Mobility.

39 (v) Self-direction.

40 (vi) Capacity for independent living.

41 (vii) Economic self-sufficiency.

42 (e) Reflects the need for a combination and sequence of  
43 individually planned or coordinated special, interdisciplinary or generic  
44 care, treatment or other services that are of lifelong or extended  
45 duration.

- 1           21. "Director" means the director of the department of economic  
2 security.
- 3           22. "Division" means the division of developmental disabilities in  
4 the department of economic security.
- 5           23. "Down syndrome" means a genetic disorder caused when abnormal  
6 cell division results in extra genetic material from chromosome 21,  
7 affecting a person's cognitive and physical abilities and causing  
8 developmental issues.
- 9           24. "Epilepsy" means a neurological condition characterized by  
10 abnormal electrical-chemical discharge in the brain. This discharge is  
11 manifested in various forms of physical activities called seizures.
- 12           25. "Group home":
- 13           (a) Means a community residential setting for not more than six  
14 persons with developmental disabilities that is operated by a service  
15 provider under contract with the department and that provides room and  
16 board and daily habilitation and other assessed medically necessary  
17 services and supports to meet the needs of each person.
- 18           (b) Does not include an adult developmental home, a child  
19 developmental home, a behavioral-supported group home, a nursing-supported  
20 group home or an intermediate care facility for individuals with  
21 intellectual disabilities.
- 22           26. "Guardian" means the person who, under court order, is  
23 appointed to fulfill the powers and duties prescribed in section 14-5312.  
24 Guardian does not include a guardian pursuant to section 14-5312.01.
- 25           27. "Habilitation" means the process by which a person is assisted  
26 to acquire and maintain those life skills that enable the person to cope  
27 more effectively with personal and environmental demands and to raise the  
28 level of the person's physical, mental and social efficiency.
- 29           28. "Indigent" means a person with a developmental disability whose  
30 estate or parent is unable to bear the full cost of maintaining or  
31 providing services for that person in a developmental disabilities  
32 program.
- 33           29. "Individual program plan" means a written statement of services  
34 to be provided to a person with developmental disabilities, including  
35 habilitation goals and objectives, that is developed following initial  
36 placement evaluation and revised after periodic evaluations.
- 37           30. "Intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual  
38 disabilities" means a facility that primarily provides health and  
39 rehabilitative services to persons with developmental disabilities that  
40 are above the service level of room and board or supervisory care services  
41 or personal care services as defined in section 36-401.
- 42           31. "Large group setting" means a setting that in addition to  
43 residential care provides support services such as therapy, recreation and  
44 transportation to seven or more persons with developmental disabilities  
45 who require intensive supervision.

1           32. "Least restrictive alternative" means an available program or  
2 facility that fosters independent living, that is the least confining for  
3 the client's condition and that provides service and treatment in the  
4 least intrusive manner reasonably and humanely appropriate to the  
5 individual's needs.

6           33. "Likely to continue indefinitely" means that the developmental  
7 disability has a reasonable likelihood of continuing for a protracted  
8 period of time or for life.

9           34. "Manifested before the age of eighteen" means that the  
10 disability must be apparent and have a substantially limiting effect on a  
11 person's functioning before the age of eighteen.

12           35. "Nursing-supported group home" has the same meaning prescribed  
13 in section 36-401.

14           36. "Physician" means a person who is licensed to practice pursuant  
15 to title 32, chapter 13 or 17.

16           37. "Placement evaluation" means an interview and evaluation of a  
17 person with a developmental disability and a review of the person's prior  
18 medical and program histories to determine the appropriate developmental  
19 disability programs and services for the person and recommendations for  
20 specific program placements for the person.

21           38. "PRADER-WILLI SYNDROME" MEANS A GENETIC DISORDER THAT IS  
22 CHARACTERIZED BY SHORT STATURE, COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT, HYPOTONIA,  
23 ABNORMALLY SMALL HANDS AND FEET, HYPOGONADISM AND UNCONTROLLED APPETITE  
24 LEADING TO EXTREME OBESITY.

25           ~~38.~~ 39. "Psychologist" means a person who is licensed pursuant to  
26 title 32, chapter 19.1.

27           ~~39.~~ 40. "Respite services" means services that provide a  
28 short-term or long-term interval of rest or relief to the care provider of  
29 a person with a developmental disability.

30           ~~40.~~ 41. "Responsible person" means the parent or guardian of a  
31 minor with a developmental disability, the guardian of an adult with a  
32 developmental disability or an adult with a developmental disability who  
33 is a client or an applicant for whom no guardian has been appointed.

34           ~~41.~~ 42. "Service provider" means a person or agency that provides  
35 services to clients pursuant to a contract, service agreement or qualified  
36 vendor agreement with the division.

37           ~~42.~~ 43. "State operated service center" means a state owned or  
38 leased facility that is operated by the department and that provides  
39 temporary residential care and space for child and adult services that  
40 include respite care, crisis intervention and diagnostic evaluation.

41           ~~43.~~ 44. "Subaverage general intellectual functioning" means  
42 measured intelligence on standardized psychometric instruments of two or  
43 more standard deviations below the mean for the tests used.

1           ~~44.~~ 45. "Substantial functional limitation" means a limitation so  
2 severe that extraordinary assistance from other people, programs, services  
3 or mechanical devices is required to assist the person in performing  
4 appropriate major life activities.

5           ~~45.~~ 46. "Supervision" means the process by which the activities of  
6 an individual with developmental disabilities are directed, influenced or  
7 monitored.