

REFERENCE TITLE: family reunification treatment; prohibitions

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Introduced by
Senators Bolick: Farnsworth

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 25, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 25-418; RELATING TO LEGAL DECISION-MAKING.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 25, chapter 4, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 25-418, to read:

4 25-418. Family reunification treatment; prohibited
5 conditions; definition

6 A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, A COURT MAY NOT ORDER FAMILY
7 REUNIFICATION TREATMENT THAT, AS A CONDITION OF ENROLLMENT OR
8 PARTICIPATION, REQUIRES OR RESULTS IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

9 1. A NO-CONTACT ORDER WITH A PARENT.

10 2. AN OVERNIGHT, OUT-OF-STATE OR MULTIDAY STAY.

11 3. A TRANSFER OF PHYSICAL OR LEGAL CUSTODY OF THE CHILD.

12 4. THE USE OF PRIVATE YOUTH TRANSPORTERS OR PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION
13 AGENTS ENGAGED IN THE USE OF FORCE, THREAT OR FORCE, PHYSICAL OBSTRUCTION
14 OR CIRCUMSTANCES THAT PLACE THE SAFETY OF THE CHILD AT RISK.

15 5. THE USE OF THREATS OF PHYSICAL FORCE, UNDUE COERCION, VERBAL
16 ABUSE OR ISOLATION FROM THE CHILD'S FAMILY, COMMUNITY OR OTHER SOURCES OF
17 SUPPORT.

18 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "FAMILY REUNIFICATION
19 TREATMENT" MEANS A TREATMENT, THERAPY, PROGRAM, SERVICE OR CAMP THAT IS
20 AIMED AT REUNITING OR REESTABLISHING A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A CHILD AND AN
21 ESTRANGED OR REJECTED PARENT.