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Governor

*Arizona Department of Child Safety*

**Gregory McKay**

Director

## **PUBLIC COMMENT IS OPEN**

On Proposed Amendments to:

### **Title 21. Child Safety, Chapter 8, Department of Child Safety Foster Home and Child Welfare Agency Facility Safety**

The Governor's Office has approved for the Department of Child Safety to propose amended rules that pertain to fire and pool safety in foster homes and residential group care facilities. The justification for this regular rulemaking is A.R.S. § 41-1026(A)(1) and (A)(5).

The current rules do not enable homes with a bedroom that leads into a pool enclosure to be licensed as foster homes or residential group care facilities. The Department seeks to amend the rules to permit this circumstance, as long as safeguards are met for applicable state law, county code, or municipal ordinances.

The Department is accepting public comment until 5 pm Tuesday, December 13, 2016, on the following rules:

R21-8-112      Fire Safety and Evacuation Plan Requirements

R21-8-113      Pool Safety

The draft rules are scheduled to be published as a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Arizona Administrative Register on November 11, 2016.

[http://apps.azsos.gov/public\\_services/register/2016/contents.htm](http://apps.azsos.gov/public_services/register/2016/contents.htm)

Written comments may be submitted to:

1. DCSPolicyUpdate@azdes.gov; or
2. Carrie Senseman, Lead Rules Analyst  
Policy Unit  
Department of Child Safety  
3003 N. Central Avenue, Mail Code C-010-23  
Phoenix, AZ 85012  
(Must be postmarked by Thursday, December 8, 2016)

The Department will hold an oral proceeding:

Date: Monday, December 12, 2016

Time: 5 pm to 7 pm

Location: Ability 360

5025 E. Washington St.

Phoenix, Arizona 85034

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