Looking Back

DCS Legislation Overview 2020
# Tracked Legislation 2020

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DCS Bill

SB 1351 - child safety; neglect; definition

Modifies the definition of “neglect” to allow a determination that a newborn infant was exposed prenatally to a drug or controlled substance by a toxicology screen.

• Got off to a rocky start and never recovered.
SB 1236 - adult adoption; stepchildren

Emergency measure that permits an adult to adopt another adult person who is a current or previous stepchild.

• Sponsor: Senator Gowan
• Signed by the Governor
SB 1523 (Chapter 4) mental health omnibus

- Adds a new chapter relating to Insurance that requires each health care insurer to comply with the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act.
- **Health Care Insurers** - Cannot deny mental health or substance use disorder benefits for a minor solely on the grounds that the service was provided in an educational setting or ordered by a court.
- **Mental Health Parity Advisory Committee** - Established to advise on matters relating to mental health.
- **Suicide Mortality Review Team** - Established in DHS to develop a suicide mortalities data collection system.
- **Children's Behavioral Health Services Fund** – Established to be administered by AHCCCS for children’s behavioral health services.
- **AHCCCS** - Required to conduct a survey of public schools to obtain information regarding the delivery of behavioral health services to students.
SB 1441 - (Chapter 81) protection orders; modification; residence possession

Authorizes the court, on written request of a party, to hold additional order of protection hearings at any time if there is a change in circumstances related to the primary residence.

• Sponsor: Senator E. Farnsworth
• Signed by the Governor
HB 2904/SB 1687- (Chapter 53) budget; BRB; human services; 2020-2021

Requires the Auditor General to provide a report regarding DCS’s practices for classifying and locating runaway or missing children.

• Report due September 30, 2021
• Sponsor: Speaker Bowers
• Signed by the Governor
HB 2909/SB 1692- (Chapter 58) budget; general appropriations act; 2020-2021

Appropriates $4,992,800 from the automation projects fund for deposit in the DCS subaccount to upgrade the children’s information library and data source system.
Questions or Comments?