

# *Looking Back*

## **DCS Legislation Overview 2020**



# Tracked Legislation 2020

Tracked Bills	House	Senate	Total
Introduced - DCS	0	1	1
Introduced - other	89	93	182
Failed - DCS	0	1	1
Failed-other	85	84	169
Transmitted to GOV - DCS	0	0	0
Transmitted to GOV - other	4	6	10
Vetoed by GOV - other	0	0	0
<b>Total signed</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>



# 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  
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