

DCS Legislative Agenda 2021



House Bill 2332 - aggravated assault; DCS employees

- Adds DCS workers to the list of first responders that would qualify for protections under the aggravated assault statute.
- Prevents the targeted attacks of DCS workers' health and safety by expanding the definition of aggravated assault to include a DCS employee who is assaulted while engaged in the execution of any official duties.



House Bill 2399 - department of child safety; fees

- Allows the Department to establish and collect fees from noncontracting licensees and establishes the Child Welfare Licensing Fee Fund (Fund).
- Licensees that do not contract with Arizona, that contract with the federal government, that receive only federal monies and that employ persons who provide direct services to children in a licensed behavioral health residential facility must submit to DCS information necessary to conduct central registry background checks (A.R.S. § 8-804).
- Currently, Arizona citizens are paying for the cost of the central registry checks for noncontracting licensees that was not allocated for noncontracting licensees because these entities are federally contracted. This legislation would require these licensees to pay for the cost of their central registry checks. In addition, in the future if these facilities opt to become licensed by AZ DCS it would ensure that Arizona tax payers are not required to should the financial responsibility of their entities.



2021 Session Bill Tracking

- Currently we are tracking 193 bills having a significant impact to the Agency
- Of those bills these are the ones we are watching closely

SB1018	DCS; report requirement (Sen. Barto)
SB1225	DCS; legislator briefings; staff member (Sen. Kerr)
SB1391	juvenile proceedings; appointment of attorney (Sen. Barto)
SB1019	dependent children; nonoperating identification; photograph (Sen. Barto)
HB2410	safe havens; newborn infant age (Rep. Espinoza)
SB1660	crimes against children; dependencies; omnibus (Sen. Boyer)
SB1114	Schools; required posting; abuse hotline (Sen. Mesnard)
SB1077	Foster Youth Employee Tax Credit (Sen. Livingston)
HB2710	sex education; child abuse prevention (Rep. Fillmore)
HB2728	extended foster care; participation (Rep. Sierra)
SB1007	Parental rights; termination; sexual assault (Sen. Steele)
SB1008	clergy; priests; duty to report (Sen. Steele)
SB1005	schools; child abuse prevention education (Sen. Steele)



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Questions or Comments

