

REFERENCE TITLE: CPS; unification; reasonable efforts

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# SB 1622

Introduced by  
Senator Johnson

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 8-820; RELATING TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

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

2 Section 1. Title 8, chapter 10, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
3 is amended by adding section 8-820, to read:

4 8-820. Family unification; reasonable efforts; effect

5 A. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CHAPTER, IN DETERMINING IF THE DEPARTMENT  
6 HAS MADE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO PREVENT OR ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR A CHILD TO  
7 BE REMOVED FROM THE CHILD'S HOME, TO UNITE THE FAMILY OR TO PREVENT THE  
8 SEVERING OF PARENTAL RIGHTS, THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER, AMONG OTHER RELEVANT  
9 FACTORS, IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS PROVIDED APPROPRIATE AND ACCESSIBLE SUBSTANCE  
10 ABUSE TREATMENT TO A PARENT WHO REQUESTS THAT TREATMENT.

11 B. THE TIME PERIOD REQUIRED FOR THE SEVERANCE OF PARENTAL RIGHTS  
12 PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER IS TOLLED WHILE A CHILD'S PARENT IS ACTIVELY  
13 INVOLVED IN A SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A.