

REFERENCE TITLE: foster care parents; respite care

State of Arizona  
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# HB 2601

Introduced by  
Representatives Adams, Murphy: Clark

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 8-511; RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE AND PLACEMENT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 8, chapter 5, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended by adding section 8-511, to read:

4 8-511. Short-term respite caregivers; exemption from training  
5 requirements; standardized requirements

6 A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, A FOSTER PARENT MAY LEAVE  
7 A FOSTER CHILD IN THE RESPITE CARE OF ANOTHER COMPETENT ADULT WHO DOES NOT  
8 MEET THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR NOT MORE THAN TWENTY-FOUR  
9 HOURS.

10 B. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, A FOSTER PARENT MAY LEAVE  
11 A FOSTER CHILD IN THE RESPITE CARE OF ANOTHER COMPETENT ADULT WHO DOES NOT  
12 MEET THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR NOT MORE THAN SEVENTY-TWO  
13 HOURS IF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY OR OTHER UNEXPECTED EVENT REQUIRES THE FOSTER  
14 PARENT TO BE AWAY FROM HOME FOR MORE THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

15 C. THE DEPARTMENT BY RULE SHALL STANDARDIZE THE TRAINING AND  
16 FINGERPRINTING REQUIREMENTS THAT ALL CAREGIVERS MUST COMPLY WITH REGARDLESS  
17 OF THE SETTING.