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# SENATE BILL 1386

AN ACT

MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO  
CONTRACT FOR A REVIEW OF CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Supplemental appropriation: department of  
3 administration; external review and  
4 recommendations: child protective services:  
5 exemption: nonlapsing

6 A. In addition to any other monies appropriated to the department of  
7 administration in fiscal year 2013-2014, the sum of \$250,000 is appropriated  
8 from the state general fund in fiscal year 2013-2014 to the department of  
9 administration to contract with an independent expert consultant as  
10 prescribed in subsection B of this section.

11 B. The department of administration shall engage an independent  
12 consultant with expertise in child welfare system planning and operations to  
13 examine the current child protective services system and consider best  
14 practices to improve the delivery of services in this state and to provide  
15 consultation on the effective establishment of the new department of child  
16 safety and family services with a focus on implementation challenges,  
17 including all of the following:

18 1. Developing a strategic direction that ensures child safety and  
19 establishes protocols for services after an investigation.

20 2. Creating accountability systems, including the capacity to produce  
21 accurate data on performance and outcome measures, use of the data for  
22 performance management, processes for continuous quality review, mechanisms  
23 for qualitative review of system functioning and outcomes for children, youth  
24 and families.

25 3. Strategies for community engagement, including engagement with  
26 families, youth and service providers.

27 C. The department of administration shall consider, in its decision to  
28 enter into a contract with an independent expert consultant, the consultant's  
29 history of working with states or counties in evaluating its operations for  
30 child welfare and child protective services, the satisfaction of the states  
31 or counties with the work of the consultant, the knowledge of the  
32 consultant's staff or contractors in child welfare reform and operations, the  
33 consultant's knowledge of related laws governing child welfare services and  
34 the consultant's knowledge of evidence-based and promising best practices in  
35 child welfare services.

36 D. During the contract period, the consultant shall work with the  
37 director of the division of child safety and family services or its successor  
38 agency, to meet the deliverables of the contract and provide technical  
39 assistance and consultation as requested in the development of the  
40 department.

41 E. At a minimum, the department of administration shall include on the  
42 proposal evaluation team the director of the division of child safety and  
43 family services or its successor agency, or the director's designee, and the  
44 four legislative members of the child protective services oversight committee

1 established by Laws 2012, chapter 50, section 1, as amended by Laws 2013,  
2 chapter 220, section 6.

3 F. On or before March 31, 2015, the consultant shall submit a report  
4 of its work, including findings and recommendations, to the governor, the  
5 president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives and the  
6 co-chairs of the child protective services oversight committee and shall  
7 provide a copy of its report to the secretary of state.

8 G. For the purposes of this act, the department of administration is  
9 exempt from the procurement code requirements of title 41, chapter 23,  
10 Arizona Revised Statutes.

11 H. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt  
12 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to  
13 lapsing of appropriations.