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SB 1231: independent oversight committee; developmental disabilities

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Overview

Requires the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) within the Department of Economic Security (DES) to grant the Independent Oversight Committee on Persons with Developmental Disabilities (Committee) 30 days to review new policies and major policy changes before they submit them for public comment.

History

The Committee was created to promote the rights of clients who are receiving developmental disabilities services. It is established within the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) and is comprised of at least 7-15 members all appointed by the Director of ADOA. Committee members must have expertise in one of the following areas: 1) Psychology; 2) Law; 3) Medicine; 4) Education; 5) Special education; 6) Social work; and 7) Criminal Justice. The Committee must include at least two parents of children who receive services from DDD. Statute outlines the types of incidents DDD is required to report to the Committee ([A.R.S. § 41-3801](#)).

The Committee makes recommendations to the director of any department and service provider subject to oversight and to the Legislature regarding laws, rules, policies, procedures and practices to ensure the protection of the rights of clients receiving behavioral health and developmental disability services. The Committee must issue an annual report of its activities and recommendations, if any, to the following: 1) ADOA Director; 2) DES Director; 3) Director of the Department of Health Services; 4) The Director of the Department of Child Safety; 5) Director of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System; 6) President of the Senate; 7) Speaker of the House of Representatives; and 8) Chairpersons of the Senate and House of Representatives Health and Human Services Committee, or their successor committees ([A.R.S. § 41-3804](#)).

Provisions

1. Directs DDD to allow the Committee 30 days to review new policies and major policy changes before DDD submits the policies or changes for public comment. (Sec. 1)
2. Makes technical changes. (Sec. 1)

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