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## **SB 1313: DCS; discharge from care; housing**

**Sponsor: Senator Miranda, LD 11**

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### **Overview**

Directs the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) to develop and implement policies and procedures to ensure that every young adult who leaves the care of DCS and has not achieved permanency through reunification, adoption or guardianship has access to safe and secure housing by December 31, 2025.

### **History**

DCS was established to protect the children of Arizona by: 1) investigating reports of abuse and neglect; 2) assessing, promoting and supporting the safety of a child in a safe and stable family or other appropriate placement in response to allegations of abuse or neglect; 3) working cooperatively with law enforcement regarding reports that include criminal conduct allegations; and 4) without compromising child safety, coordinating services to achieve and maintain permanency on behalf of the child, strengthen the family and provide prevention, intervention and treatment services ([A.R.S. § 8-451](#)).

*Reason for leaving care* means one of the following: 1) reunification with a parent or primary caretaker; 2) living with another relative; 3) adoption by a relative; 4) adoption by a foster parent; 5) adoption by another person; 6) age of majority 7) guardianship by a relative; 8) guardianship by another person; 9) transfer to another agency; 10) runaway; and 11) death ([A.R.S. § 8-501](#)).

### **Provisions**

1. Requires DCS, by December 31, 2025, to develop and implement policies and procedures to ensure that every young adult who leaves the care of DCS and who has not achieved permanency through reunification, adoption or guardianship has access to safe and secure housing. (Sec. 1)
2. Requires the policies and procedures to specify the actions DCS will take to ensure safe and secure housing for a young adult who leaves DCS care and has not achieved permanency through reunification, adoption or guardianship. (Sec. 1)
3. Directs DCS to submit a report that outlines the adopted policies and procedures to the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and provide a copy to the Secretary of State by December 31, 2025. (Sec. 1)
4. Defines the term *young adult*. (Sec. 1)

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5. Declares that the Legislature intends that all young adults have access to safe and secure housing after leaving DCS's care. (Sec. 2)