

## SB1307: CHILD WELFARE SAFETY ASSESSMENT MODEL

When DCS receives a report that a child is in danger, quick decisions are made - and it's crucial they be made correctly. In assessing whether a child is in immediate harm, Arizona is among the top tier states that utilize an evidence-informed safety assessment model to help guide its child protection decisions. SB1307 puts this existing DCS practice into law, ensuring that this best practice continues.

### SENATE BILL 1307

- Requires DCS to use an evidence-informed safety assessment model to assess child safety.
- Mandates the uniform application of the safety assessment model across the state.
- Includes training for child welfare investigators on the safety assessment model.
- Requires DCS, before implementing a new safety assessment model, to present the proposed change to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on the Department of Child Safety, or the committees with jurisdiction over the Department in the Senate and House.

### KEY ELEMENTS

A safety assessment model combines standardized tools and decision-making criteria with investigator training and experience, resulting in better child protection decisions and safer kids.

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States with evidence-based safety assessment models provide increased transparency as the model's criteria is available and sharable.