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**HB 2439: ~~technical correction; missing children~~  
Now: DCS; missing children; required reporting  
Sponsor: Representative Griffin, LD 14  
Senate Engrossed**

The House Engrossed version of HB 2439 required DCS to submit a report every six months on missing children and children in a runaway status to the Governor and the Legislature until January 1, 2026.

The Senate adopted a same-subject strike-everything amendment with minor changes.

## **Overview**

Requires the Department of Child Safety (Department) to submit a report every six months on missing children to the Governor and the Legislature.

## **History**

Upon receiving a report or information indicating a child is at risk and the child's location is unknown, the Department must notify the appropriate law enforcement agency and provide the required information needed for the law enforcement agency to immediately make a record entry into the Arizona Crime Information Center and the National Crime Information Center Missing Person Databases ([A.R.S. § 8-810](#)).

## **Provisions**

1. Requires the Department to report on all missing children in a runaway status and provide the report to the Governor and the Legislature every six months. (Sec. 1)
2. Outlines the report's requirements, including specific demographic, statistical and case-related information that must be included in the report. (Sec. 1)
3. Defines *abducted child*, *care days*, *individual children and runaway status*. (Sec. 1)
4. Terminates the Department's reporting requirement for the Department on January 1, 2027. (Sec 2)
5. States the first reporting period for which the Department will make information available is January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022. (Sec. 3)

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