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CHAPTER 140
HOUSE BILL 2310

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS; PROVIDING FOR
CONDITIONAL ENACTMENT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Administrative office of the courts; evaluation and
3 recommendations for mental health courts; report

4 A. The administrative office of the courts shall do both of the
5 following:

6 1. Evaluate the effectiveness, efficiency and accountability of the
7 mental health courts and specialized probation caseloads that currently
8 operate in this state.

9 2. Develop standards for the design, training in and procedures to
10 establish and implement efficient, effective and accountable mental health
11 courts in this state. In developing the standards, the administrative office
12 of the courts shall take into consideration the evaluations conducted
13 pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection. The standards shall include data
14 gathering and reporting procedures to facilitate annual evaluations and
15 audits and ensure comparative data across this state.

16 B. The administrative office of the courts shall report its findings
17 and recommendations to the governor, the president of the senate, the speaker
18 of the house of representatives and the chief justice of the Arizona supreme
19 court on or before December 31, 2014.

20 C. The administrative office of the courts may contract with or
21 employ, as necessary, professional consultants, experts and specialists to
22 conduct the evaluation and in the development of the standards, training and
23 procedures. The evaluation and development of standards conducted pursuant
24 to subsection A of this section shall be done in cooperation with court
25 administration, probation departments, prosecutors, defense attorneys and
26 other mental health stakeholders.

27 Sec. 2. Conditional enactment; notice

28 A. This act does not become effective unless the administrative office
29 of the courts receives an appropriation for the implementation of the
30 evaluation on or before the effective date of this act.

31 B. The administrative office of the courts shall notify in writing the
32 director of the Arizona legislative council of the date on which the
33 condition is met or if the condition is not met.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 29, 2013.

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