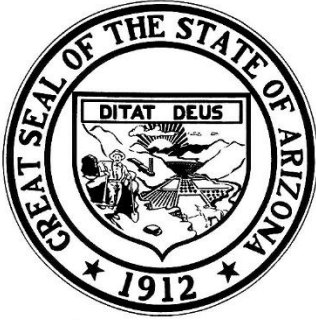


## HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENT EXPLANATION



Bill Number: **HB 2256**

Keshel Floor Amendment

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- Prohibits a court from taking testimony or making findings based on terminology or theories that are not scientifically supported and that do not lead to specific evidence-based treatment.
  - Removes language defining *parental alienation*.

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KESHEL SUBSTITUTE FLOOR AMENDMENT  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2256

I move the following SUBSTITUTE amendment to the GOVERNMENT Committee Amendment to HOUSE BILL 2256 (Reference to printed bill)

Amendment instruction key:

[GREEN UNDERLINING IN BRACKETS] indicates text added to statute or previously enacted session law.  
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<<Green carets>> indicate a section added to the bill.  
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- 1 The bill as proposed to be amended is reprinted as follows:  
2 Section 1. Title 25, chapter 4, article 1, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 25-407.01, to read:  
4 25-407.01. Legal decision-making and parenting time hearings;  
5 parental alienation testimony; prohibition  
6 [A.] IN ANY LEGAL DECISION-MAKING OR PARENTING TIME PROCEEDING,  
7 INCLUDING A LEGAL DECISION-MAKING OR PARENTING TIME MODIFICATION PETITION  
8 FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-411, THE COURT IS PROHIBITED FROM TAKING  
9 TESTIMONY OR [RULING ON A LEGAL DECISION-MAKING OR PARENTING TIME  
10 PETITION] [MAKING FINDINGS] BASED [SOLELY ON AN ALLEGATION OF PARENTAL  
11 ALIENATION] [ON TERMINOLOGY OR THEORIES THAT ARE NOT SCIENTIFICALLY  
12 SUPPORTED AND THAT DO NOT LEAD TO SPECIFIC EVIDENCE-BASED TREATMENT].  
13 [B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "PARENTAL ALIENATION" MEANS  
14 THE PSYCHOLOGICAL MANIPULATION OF A CHILD INTO SHOWING UNWARRANTED FEAR,  
15 DISRESPECT OR HOSTILITY TOWARD A PARENT OR ANOTHER FAMILY MEMBER, OR  
16 BOTH.]  
17 Enroll and engross to conform  
18 Amend title to conform

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