



LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR 2009

1. GPS

SB 1228 - Last year, this bill passed the Senate by 100% approval and 95% of the House. We estimate that this bill, if passed, would save the state considerable funds while not diminishing public protection. The bill proposes to limit the use of GPS to Level 3 and some Level 2 convicted sex offenders.

2. Stalking

Statute 12-2923 - Arizona's criminal stalking laws are limited and there are no civil stalking laws. AzSAN is working with the National Stalking Resource Center and with Mr. Steve Twist on making amendments to the current criminal stalking laws and introducing civil laws for stalking. Steve Twist is on our BoD and is the attorney that wrote the majority of the criminal code for Arizona.

3. Adam Walsh and SORNA

SB 1011 - Senator Linda Gray is introducing a SB 1011 to create a study committee to review the Adam Walsh legislation and our state's compliance with SORNA. Among other tasks, this committee (once the bill is approved) will be doing a thorough review of all Arizona sex laws. AzSAN is expected to be a member of that committee. AzSAN issued a policy statement recommending that the State of Arizona not comply with AWA/SORNA due to the long-term costs and lack of federal funding to support this program once enacted. This federal legislation is not evidence/research based, but rather focused on a few high-profile cases that are not the norm.

4. Domestic Relations Committee (DRC)

AzSAN is working with the DV Coalition to amend the committee statute to include AzSAN.

5. Risk Assessment Tools

As the Chairperson for the Juvenile SO Management Subcommittee, we are recommending and creating a new risk assessment tool for juveniles. Currently the same tool is used for adults and juveniles.