

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

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In the Matter of:	)	
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SUSPENSION OF AUDITING	)	Administrative Directive
SECTION I C 1.5 OF THE ARIZONA	)	No. 2021 - <u>02</u>
JUVENILE DETENTION STANDARDS	)	
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Section 115.401- Frequency and Scope of Audits of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) requires each facility operated by an agency or by a private organization on behalf of an agency is to be audited at least once every three years. Section I C 1.5 of the Arizona Juvenile Detention Standards requires the director of juvenile court services to ensure a PREA audit is conducted of the detention center every three years pursuant to § 115.401 of the Prison Rape Elimination Act.

The PREA Management Office (PMO) at the Bureau of Justice Assistance in the Office of Justice Programs of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has determined the site visit and interview components of the onsite PREA audit are not to be done remotely. Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on travel and access to some confinement facilities, the PMO anticipates the current outbreak may necessitate auditing delays and recognizes that this may impact agencies’ ability to uphold requirements in the PREA Standards.

Due to concerns for the spread of COVID-19 in the general population, on March 11, 2020 the Governor of the State of Arizona declared a statewide emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303 and in accordance with A.R.S. § 26-301(15).

In Administrative Order No. 2020-45, the Chief Justice ordered that the Administrative Director “may suspend the requirements of any section of the Code of Judicial Administration if he determines that public health emergency measures significantly impair the ability to operate the program or the parties governed by that code section.”

Therefore, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2020-45,

IT IS DIRECTED that until Administrative Order 2020-45 or this directive is rescinded, the following requirement is suspended:

Arizona Juvenile Detention Standards § I C 1: Administration/Management - Monitoring-Detention Inspections concerning auditing compliance to PREA §§ 115.401-405.

Dated this 24th day of February, 2021.

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