Senate Bill 845

Sponsored by Senators COURTNEY, WINTERS; Senators CARTER, FERRIOLI, L GEORGE, MORRISETTE, Representatives BERGER, CAMERON, CLEM, KOMP (at the request of Blue Ribbon Task Force on Methamphetamine)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs State Commission on Children and Families to support Centers for Family Success. Directs that purpose of centers is to improve well-being of children whose parents have been incarcerated in criminal justice system. Directs state commission to provide technical assistance to local commissions on children and families to replicate centers.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to Centers for Family Success.

3 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

4 <u>SECTION 1.</u> Section 2 of this 2007 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 417.705 to 5 417.801.

6 <u>SECTION 2.</u> (1) The State Commission on Children and Families shall support Centers for 7 Family Success statewide through local commissions on children and families as funding be-

8 comes available to the state commission and local commissions for the centers.

9 (2) The purpose of the centers is to improve the well-being of children whose parents 10 have been incarcerated in the criminal justice system, their families and their caregivers 11 through education, advocacy and the development of community partnerships. The centers 12 shall:

(a) Be consistent with the voluntary early childhood system plans that are part of the
local coordinated comprehensive plans; and

(b) Create opportunities for families to link to resources, experience coached parenting
time, enhance life skills and develop positive social networks to build family success.

(3) The state commission, the Department of Human Services and the Department of
Education shall identify and align resources that can be used to create and sustain the cen ters in Oregon communities.

20 (4) The state commission shall work with organizations that have relevant expertise in 21 the centers to provide technical assistance to local commissions in replicating the centers.

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