

**SB 905 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Rules**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires child who is voluntarily placed in foster care to be resident of school district where child is placed, as specified. Requires public and private placement agencies to collaborate with school district. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Replaces the measure. Establishes school district residency for child whose parent or guardian voluntarily places child with public or private agency, while retaining legal guardianship. Creates exception allowing child to attend school in district where parent or guardian resides, under certain circumstances. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2017, 7,831 Oregon children were in foster care on an average daily basis. A child may enter foster care through an involuntary or voluntary placement. Oregon law provides a child with involuntary placement should attend their original school unless it is in the best interest of the child to enroll in another school district. In the case of a voluntary placement, Oregon law is silent on where the child should go to school. Senate Bill 905 requires children who are voluntarily placed in foster care to enroll in the school districts where they reside if their placement agreement provides that they are no longer residents of their original school districts.