

SB 905 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Roblan

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 05/22/19

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Baertschiger Jr, Boquist, Burdick, Dembrow, Roblan

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 5/22

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. Creates exception allowing child to attend school in district where parent or guardian resides, under certain circumstances. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Differences between foster care and substitute care
- Interests of the child
- Stakeholder agreement
- Responsibility for transportation

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

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 A creates a general rule that children who are voluntarily placed with a public or private agency by their parent or guardian are to attend school in the district in which they are placed. The bill provides an exception to allow children to attend school in the district where their parents or guardians reside, when the placement is within 20 miles of the school, a plan exists for the child to return home, it is in the best interests of the child to attend the school and the child would prefer to remain in the school district.