

Senate Bill 816

Sponsored by Senator THATCHER (at the request of Oregon Foster Families First)

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 Department of Human Services to conduct study that identifies ways to improve foster care system in Oregon and present report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to human services on or before September 15, 2020.

Sunset January 2, 2021.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to foster care.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Human Services shall conduct a study that identifies**
5 **ways to improve the foster care system in this state. The department shall, when performing**
6 **the study, review the audit and data collected by the Secretary of State regarding the foster**
7 **care system. The department shall prepare a report detailing the results of the study. At a**
8 **minimum the report must describe:**

9 (a) **Ways to reduce foster care caseworker caseloads by at least 10 percent from current**
10 **levels;**

11 (b) **The costs related to reducing foster care caseworker caseloads;**

12 (c) **The number of children in each county who are in foster care; and**

13 (d) **The payment rate necessary to attract related and nonrelated foster parents and re-**
14 **duce current turnover rates.**

15 (2) **The department shall present the report, and may include recommendations for leg-**
16 **islation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to human services,**
17 **in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, on or before September 15, 2020.**

18 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on January 2, 2021.**
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.