

# Senate Bill 85

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## 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**.

Modifies family-based group home placements to permit respite time for providers.

Modifies certain terminology relating to out-of-state child-caring agencies. Modifies direction to Department of Human Services regarding development of process for review of out-of-state placements. Permits secure transportation of child without department employee in certain emergencies. Modifies provisions of law relating to placement of juvenile offenders in out-of-state child-caring agencies. Permits placement of wards 18 years of age or older in certain facilities. Extends certain time periods regarding placements in residential care facilities or shelter-care homes. Modifies description of residential treatment program. Modifies certain requirements for reports of out-of-state placements.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to children; amending ORS 419B.335 and 419B.354 and sections 4, 7a and 12b, chapter 19,  
3 Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 4, chapter 19, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 4.** (1) The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules allowing up to two programs  
7 that meet the following criteria to provide services to children in this state:

8 (a) The services are provided in a family home setting.

9 (b) The foster parents live in the house [*24 hours per day, seven days per week*] **full time**.

10 (c) The foster parents are the primary care providers for the children served by the program.

11 (d) The program serves no more than 15 children.

12 (e) The program accepts children who have sexually maladaptive behaviors, a history of eloping  
13 from care or a history of unsuccessful placement in other settings.

14 (2)(a) Notwithstanding ORS 419B.354 and section 19b [*of this 2020 special session Act*], **chapter**  
15 **19, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session):**

16 (A) The department may engage and make reasonable payment to the programs allowed under  
17 subsection (1) of this section; and

18 (B) A program allowed under subsection (1) of this section is not required to be a qualified  
19 residential treatment program, as described in section 12b [*of this 2020 special session Act*], **chapter**  
20 **19, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).**

21 (b) Notwithstanding section 14b [*of this 2020 special session Act*], **chapter 19, Oregon Laws**  
22 **2020 (first special session)**, if a program allowed under subsection (1) of this section is a qualified  
23 residential treatment program, the department is not required to move the court for approval of its  
24 placement of a child in the program.

25 (c) The department is not required to ensure that a child the department places in a program  
26 allowed under subsection (1) of this section is assessed by a qualified individual under section 13b

**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.

1 [of this 2020 special session Act], **chapter 19, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session).**

2 (3) No later than September 1, 2022, the department shall submit a report to the interim com-  
 3 mittees of the Legislative Assembly related to child welfare regarding the success of placements in  
 4 the programs allowed under subsection (1) of this section and recommendations, if any, for the con-  
 5 tinuation or expansion of placements consistent with this section.

6 **SECTION 2.** Section 7a, chapter 19, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), as amended by  
 7 section 7b, chapter 19, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), is amended to read:

8 **Sec. 7a.** (1) Subject to ORS 419B.354, the Department of Human Services may place a child in  
 9 an out-of-state child-caring agency only if:

10 (a) The out-of-state child-caring agency is licensed to provide or engage in the provision of care  
 11 or services by the department under ORS 418.205 to 418.327 and complies with the licensing re-  
 12 quirements under ORS 418.215;

13 (b) The department has a current contract with the child-caring agency; and

14 (c) The department's contract with the child-caring agency meets the criteria under subsection  
 15 (3) of this section.

16 (2)(a) The department shall license an out-of-state child-caring agency pursuant to the same  
 17 licensure requirements the department would impose if the out-of-state child-caring agency was lo-  
 18 cated in this state.

19 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) of Article V of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of  
 20 Children and ORS 417.230, the department may not delegate the department's licensing, visitation,  
 21 inspection, investigation or supervision of an out-of-state child-caring agency licensed by the de-  
 22 partment to provide care or services to an Oregon child.

23 (3)(a) The department shall review the department's contract with an out-of-state child-caring  
 24 agency prior to placing a child with the child-caring agency.

25 (b) The contract must, at a minimum, meet the following criteria:

26 (A) At the time the contract is executed, the child-caring agency must provide the department  
 27 with a current list of every entity for which the child-caring agency is providing placement services.

28 (B) No later than 15 days after accepting placement of a child from a new entity, the child-  
 29 caring agency must notify the department in writing of the child-caring agency's association with  
 30 the new entity. The notice must include the name and contact information of the new entity and the  
 31 name and contact information of an individual associated with the new entity.

32 (C) The child-caring agency must make mandatory reports of child abuse, as defined in ORS  
 33 418.257 and 419B.005, involving Oregon children both to the Oregon child abuse hotline and as re-  
 34 quired under the laws of the state in which the child-caring agency is located.

35 (D) The child-caring agency must allow the department full access to the child-caring agency's  
 36 facilities, residents, records and personnel as necessary for the department to conduct child abuse  
 37 investigations and licensing activities or investigations.

38 (E) The child-caring agency must notify the department in writing no later than three business  
 39 days after any state determines that an allegation of child abuse or a license violation involving the  
 40 child-caring agency is founded, regardless of whether the child abuse or violation involves an  
 41 Oregon child.

42 (F) The child-caring agency must notify the department in writing no later than three business  
 43 days after the child-caring agency receives notice from any other state imposing a restriction on  
 44 placement of children with the child-caring agency, suspending or revoking the child-caring agency's  
 45 license with that state or indicating the state's intent to suspend or revoke the child-caring agency's

1 license with that state.

2 (G) The child-caring agency must notify the department immediately, verbally and in writing:

3 (i) Any time a child from any state who is in the care of the child-caring agency dies, is sexually  
4 assaulted or suffers serious physical injury; or

5 (ii) When the child-caring agency becomes aware of any criminal investigation, arrest or crimi-  
6 nal charges involving an agency staff member if the alleged offense involved a child or could have  
7 reasonably posed a risk to the health, safety or welfare of a child.

8 (H) Except with respect to protected information described in ORS 418.256 (5), the child-caring  
9 agency may not ask or require an employee or volunteer to sign a nondisclosure or other agreement  
10 prohibiting the employee or volunteer from the good faith disclosure of information concerning the  
11 abuse or mistreatment of a child who is in the care of the child-caring agency, violations of licensing  
12 or certification requirements, criminal activity at the child-caring agency, violations of state or  
13 federal laws or any practice that threatens the health and safety of a child in the care of the  
14 child-caring agency.

15 (I) The child-caring agency must ensure staffing and direct service level requirements that meet,  
16 at a minimum, the standards set by the department by rule for [*intensive behavioral support*] **be-**  
17 **havioral rehabilitation** services.

18 (J) The child-caring agency must meet all of the program, discipline, behavior support, super-  
19 vision and child rights requirements adopted by the department by rule for behavioral rehabilitation  
20 services provided in this state.

21 (K) The child-caring agency may not practice conversion therapy, as defined in ORS 675.850.

22 (L) The child-caring agency must identify a child by the child's preferred name and pronouns  
23 and may not implement a dress code that prohibits or requires clothing on the basis of biological  
24 sex.

25 (M) Genetic testing, including testing for [*psychopharmacological*] **psychopharmacological** pur-  
26 poses, must be approved by a court and may not be included as a standing order for a child in care.

27 (N) Neither the child-caring agency nor its contractors or volunteers may use chemical or me-  
28 chanical restraints on a child, including during secure transport.

29 (O) The child-caring agency must ensure that the use of any psychotropic medications for a child  
30 placed with the child-caring agency by the department is in compliance with ORS 418.517 and any  
31 rules regarding psychotropic medications adopted by the department.

32 (4) The department shall develop [*rules outlining*] a process for review of the out-of-state place-  
33 ment of a child who is identified as a child with an intellectual or developmental disability or who  
34 is suspected of having an intellectual or developmental disability. At a minimum, the [*rules*] **process**  
35 must:

36 (a) Identify a process for expediting review of the child's eligibility for developmental disability  
37 services.

38 (b) Require that a multidisciplinary review team, including administrators in the developmental  
39 disability services program, review the placement before the child is placed out-of-state.

40 (c) Require that a multidisciplinary team, including administrators in the developmental disa-  
41 bility services program, monitor the progress of the child in the out-of-state placement.

42 (d) Require that contracts for placement of the child ensure that the child has the same rights  
43 and protections that the child would have if the child was placed in this state.

44 (5)(a) A department child welfare services employee must accompany a child who is placed in  
45 an out-of-state child-caring agency any time the child is transported to an initial out-of-state place-

1 ment, any time the child is moved to a new placement and any time the child is moved by secure  
 2 transport.

3 **(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, if a child placed out-of-state re-**  
 4 **quires secure transport due to an emergency, a department child welfare services employee**  
 5 **is not required to accompany the child if it would delay the child’s move and interfere with**  
 6 **the child’s safety or treatment needs.**

7 (6)(a) As used in this subsection, “juvenile offender” means a person under 18 years of age who  
 8 has or is alleged to have committed an act that is a violation, or, if done by an adult, would con-  
 9 stitute a violation, of a law or ordinance of the United States or a [state,] county or city in this  
 10 state.

11 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection, the department may not place a child  
 12 in an out-of-state child-caring agency if the child-caring agency provides care to juvenile offenders.

13 (c) The department may place a child in an out-of-state [child caring] **child-caring** agency that  
 14 provides care to juvenile offenders if:

15 [(A) *The child being placed is a juvenile offender; or*]

16 [(B) *The child being placed is not a juvenile offender and the out-of-state child caring agency:]*

17 [(i) *Operates distinct programs for children and juvenile offenders;*]

18 [(ii) *Prohibits the commingling of children and juvenile offenders;*]

19 [(iii) *Prohibits the commingling of the staff from the child and juvenile offender programs;*]

20 [(iv) *Has separate handbooks and policies for the child and juvenile offender programs;*]

21 [(v) *Has a facility that is large enough to ensure that the nature and culture of the child and ju-*  
 22 *venile offender programs are separate and distinct; and]*

23 [(vi) *Is a qualified residential treatment program.*]

24 **(A) The child-caring agency is a qualified residential treatment program licensed by the**  
 25 **department;**

26 **(B) The child-caring agency maintains site-specific accreditation from a nationally re-**  
 27 **cognized organization;**

28 **(C) The child being placed is a juvenile offender; and**

29 **(D) Prior to the hearing to approve the placement, the court and all parties to the de-**  
 30 **pendency case have been informed of the nature of the services offered by the program and**  
 31 **of the population served by the program, and the court, having considered the nature of the**  
 32 **services and composition of the facility population and the report of the qualified individual,**  
 33 **has found that placement in the facility is the least restrictive setting available to appropri-**  
 34 **ately meet the child’s treatment needs.**

35 **SECTION 3.** ORS 419B.354, as amended by sections 11a and 11b, chapter 19, Oregon Laws 2020  
 36 (first special session), is amended to read:

37 419B.354. (1) As used in this section:

38 (a) “Congregate care residential setting” means any setting that cares for more than one child  
 39 or ward and is not a setting described in ORS 418.205 (2)(b)(A), (D) or (E) or (10).

40 (b) “Sex trafficking” means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, pa-  
 41 tronizing or soliciting of a person under 18 years of age for the purpose of a commercial sex act,  
 42 as defined in ORS 163.266, or the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of  
 43 a person over 18 years of age using force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of a commercial sex  
 44 act, as defined in ORS 163.266.

45 (2) The Department of Human Services may place a child or ward in a congregate care resi-

1 denial setting only if the setting is:

2 (a) A child-caring agency, as defined in ORS 418.205, a hospital, as defined in ORS 442.015, or  
 3 a rural hospital, as defined in ORS 442.470; and

4 (b) A qualified residential treatment program described in section 12b, chapter 19, Oregon Laws  
 5 2020 (first special session) [*Enrolled Senate Bill 1605*].

6 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, the department may place a child or ward in  
 7 a child-caring agency that is not a qualified residential treatment program if:

8 (a) The child-caring agency is providing prenatal, postpartum or parenting supports to the child  
 9 or ward.

10 (b) The child or ward is placed in an independent residence facility described in ORS 418.475  
 11 that is licensed by the department as a child-caring agency.

12 (c) The child or ward is, or is at risk of becoming, a victim of sex trafficking and the child-caring  
 13 agency is providing high-quality residential care and supportive services to the child or ward.

14 (d) The Oregon Health Authority has approved the placement as medically necessary and the  
 15 child-caring agency:

16 (A) Is a residential care facility;

17 (B) Is licensed by the authority and maintains site-specific accreditation from a nationally re-  
 18 cognized organization to provide psychiatric treatment to children; and

19 (C) Has an active provider agreement with the Oregon Medicaid program.

20 (e) The child-caring agency is an adolescent residential drug and alcohol treatment program li-  
 21 censed or certified by the State of Oregon to provide residential care, and the court has approved,  
 22 or approval is pending for, the placement in the child-caring agency of each child or ward over  
 23 whom the department retains jurisdiction.

24 (f) The placement with the child-caring agency is for the purpose of placing the child or ward  
 25 in a proctor foster home.

26 (g) The child-caring agency is a residential care facility licensed by the department that provides  
 27 short-term assessment and stabilization services.

28 (h) The child-caring agency is a shelter-care home, as defined in ORS 418.470, that provides  
 29 short-term assessment and stabilization services.

30 (i) The child-caring agency is a homeless, runaway or transitional living shelter licensed by the  
 31 department that provides short-term assessment and stabilization services.

32 **(j) The ward is 18 years of age or older and the child-caring agency is a residential**  
 33 **treatment facility or a residential home licensed or certified by the department or the**  
 34 **Oregon Health Authority.**

35 (4) The department may not place a child or ward in a residential care facility or shelter-care  
 36 home described in subsection (3)(g) or (h) of this section:

37 (a) For more than [60] **90** consecutive days or [90] **120** cumulative days in a 12-month period; or

38 (b) If the residential care facility or shelter-care home also serves youth or youth offenders  
 39 served by the county juvenile department or youth offenders committed to the custody of the Oregon  
 40 Youth Authority by the court.

41 (5) The department may not place a child or ward in a homeless, runaway or transitional living  
 42 shelter described in subsection (3)(i) of this section for more than 60 consecutive or 90 cumulative  
 43 days in any 12-month period.

44 (6) Calculations of the number of days a child or ward is placed in a shelter-care home under  
 45 subsection (3)(h) of this section or a homeless, runaway or transitional living shelter under sub-

1 section (3)(i) of this section exclude the days the child or ward is in the shelter-care home or shelter  
 2 if the child or ward:

3 (a) Accessed the shelter-care home or shelter without the support or direction of the department;  
 4 and

5 (b) Is homeless or a runaway, as defined by the department by rule.

6 (7)(a) Nothing in this section prohibits the Oregon Youth Authority from placing a youth  
 7 offender committed to its custody in a placement that is not a qualified residential treatment pro-  
 8 gram.

9 (b) Nothing in this section prohibits the Oregon Youth Authority or a county juvenile depart-  
 10 ment from placing a youth offender or a youth served by the Oregon Youth Authority or the county  
 11 juvenile department in shelter care or detention under ORS chapter 419C.

12 **SECTION 4.** Section 12b, chapter 19, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), is amended to  
 13 read:

14 **Sec. 12b.** A program is a qualified residential treatment program if it:

15 (1) Provides residential care and treatment to a child who, based on an independent assessment  
 16 described in section 13b [of this 2020 special session Act], **chapter 19, Oregon Laws 2020 (first**  
 17 **special session)**, requires specialized, evidence-based, as defined by the Department of Human Ser-  
 18 vices by rule, supports and services related to the effects of trauma or mental, emotional or behav-  
 19 ioral health needs.

20 (2) Uses a trauma-informed treatment model that is designed to address the needs, including  
 21 clinical needs as appropriate, of the child.

22 (3) Ensures that the [staff at] **services provided by** the facility [includes] **include access to** li-  
 23 censed or registered nurses [licensed under ORS chapter 678] and other licensed clinical staff who:

24 (a) Provide care within their licensed scope of practice;

25 (b) Are on site according to the treatment model identified in subsection (2) of this section; and

26 (c) Are available 24 hours per day and seven days per week.

27 (4) Facilitates the involvement of the child’s family, as defined in ORS 418.575, in the child’s  
 28 treatment program, to the extent appropriate and in the child’s best interests.

29 (5) Facilitates outreach to the child’s family, as defined in ORS 418.575, documents how outreach  
 30 is made and maintains contact information for any known biological relatives or fictive kin, as de-  
 31 fined by the department by rule.

32 (6) Documents how the program integrates family into the child’s treatment process, including  
 33 after discharge, and how sibling connections are maintained.

34 (7) Provides discharge planning and family-based after-care support for at least six months fol-  
 35 lowing the child’s discharge from the program.

36 (8) Is licensed and accredited in accordance with requirements adopted by the department by  
 37 rule. The rules adopted by the department under this subsection must be consistent with federal  
 38 licensure and accreditation requirements for qualified residential treatment programs and require  
 39 that the qualified residential treatment program maintain site-specific accreditation from a na-  
 40 tionally recognized organization.

41 **SECTION 5.** ORS 419B.335 is amended to read:

42 419B.335. The Department of Human Services shall provide the following information regarding  
 43 out-of-state placements of children and wards on a website maintained by the department and up-  
 44 dated monthly:

45 (1) The name of each out-of-state facility in which children or wards placed by the department

- 1 are currently receiving services;
- 2 (2) The city and state in which each facility is located;
- 3 (3) The name of any parent organization for each facility;
- 4 (4) The name of each facility's accreditation agency;
- 5 (5) The number of children or wards placed by the department currently receiving services from  
6 each facility;
- 7 (6) The total number of children or wards currently receiving services from each facility;
- 8 (7) The daily rate charged by each facility for each child or ward;
- 9 (8) The name of the face-to-face contracting agency, including the city and state in which it is  
10 located;
- 11 (9) Whether each facility provides services to youth offenders or the resident state's equivalent  
12 of youth offenders;
- 13 (10) Demographic information about all children or wards the department currently has placed  
14 in out-of-state facilities, including but not limited to age, gender or gender identity, race, ethnicity,  
15 tribal status and, if *known* **disclosed by the child or ward**, sexual orientation;
- 16 (11) The number of children or wards the department currently has placed in out-of-state facili-  
17 ties who have autism, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities; and
- 18 (12) Aggregate travel costs for the department to support out-of-state placements during the  
19 previous month.

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