

## SENATE AMENDMENTS TO A-ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 1579

By JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

March 7

1 Delete pages 3 through 6 of the printed A-engrossed bill and insert:

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3 **“CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTER ONE-TIME GRANTS**

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5 **“SECTION 4. (1) As used in this section:**

6 **“(a) ‘Children’s advocacy center’ means a facility that meets the facility standards de-**  
7 **scribed in ORS 418.788, to which a child from the community may be referred to receive a**  
8 **thorough child abuse assessment, as defined in ORS 418.782, for the purpose of determining**  
9 **whether the child has been abused or neglected, and that facilitates a coordinated, compre-**  
10 **hensive and multidisciplinary response to cases of child abuse.**

11 **“(b) ‘Regional children’s advocacy center’ means a facility operated by a children’s ad-**  
12 **vocacy center that meets the facility standards described in ORS 418.788 and is selected by**  
13 **the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program to provide training and complex case**  
14 **assistance, including one or more of the following:**

15 **“(A) Consultation;**

16 **“(B) Education;**

17 **“(C) Referral;**

18 **“(D) Technical assistance; and**

19 **“(E) If authorized by the Department of Justice, other services as needed.**

20 **“(2) The Department of Justice shall develop and administer a one-time noncompetitive**  
21 **grant program to expand access to services and supports provided by children’s advocacy**  
22 **centers and regional children’s advocacy centers and to increase the number of children**  
23 **served by children’s advocacy centers and regional children’s advocacy centers in this state.**

24 **“(3)(a) The department shall distribute 50 percent of the amounts available for the grant**  
25 **program, in equal shares to each children’s advocacy center that is providing services in this**  
26 **state on the effective date of this 2024 Act.**

27 **“(b) If the department is unable to distribute one or more children’s advocacy center**  
28 **share or portion of a share under this subsection and amounts remain undistributed on June**  
29 **30, 2025, the department shall distribute the undistributed amounts to Oregon Child Abuse**  
30 **Solutions for the purpose of providing or coordinating the provision of assistance to**  
31 **children’s advocacy centers seeking accreditation with the National Children’s Alliance.**

32 **“(4) The department shall distribute the remaining 50 percent of amounts available for**  
33 **the grant program as provided in subsection (5) of this section.**

34 **“(5) The department shall adopt rules for distributing the remaining 50 percent of**  
35 **amounts available for the grant program. The rules must, at a minimum:**

1       “(a) Require that an applicant certify that on or before June 30, 2025, the applicant will  
2 be accredited by the National Children’s Alliance or will have an application for accreditation  
3 with the National Children’s Alliance pending.

4       “(b) Require children’s advocacy centers to apply directly for the grants.

5       “(c) Allow a health care provider or a medical facility to apply for a grant to expand  
6 medical assessment services, intervention services and any other services and supports not  
7 inconsistent with the purposes of ORS 418.746 to 418.796, if:

8       “(A) The health care provider or medical facility is connected through a linkage agree-  
9 ment or contract with a children’s advocacy center; and

10       “(B) The children’s advocacy center satisfies the accreditation requirements described in  
11 paragraph (a) of this subsection.

12       “(d) Permit the department, when determining the amounts of grants awarded under this  
13 subsection, to consider:

14       “(A) The applicant’s capability to expand access to or maintain a children’s advocacy  
15 center in an underserved community;

16       “(B) The applicant’s capability to expand access of a children’s advocacy center to a ge-  
17 ographic area of this state with no children’s advocacy centers;

18       “(C) The likelihood that the applicant, if awarded a grant, will expand access to children’s  
19 advocacy center services and supports to children from historically marginalized and under-  
20 served communities;

21       “(D) If awarded a grant, the ability of the existing or proposed children’s advocacy center  
22 to provide behavioral and mental health services for victims of child abuse;

23       “(E) The applicant’s capability to provide services to drug endangered children; and

24       “(F) The applicant’s capability to provide services to children who have been trafficked.

25       “(e) Allow grant recipients to use the grants:

26       “(A) To expand access to designated medical professionals, as described in ORS 418.747  
27 (9); and

28       “(B) For costs associated with obtaining accreditation from the National Children’s Alli-  
29 ance, including application fees and support staff expenses.

30       “(f) Require applicants to demonstrate how the grant award would allow for initial con-  
31 sultation with a designated medical professional, as defined in ORS 419B.023, within 48 hours  
32 in accordance with Karly’s Law and would improve response times for intervention following  
33 incidents of child abuse and the prevention of child fatalities.

34       “(g) Provide that the total amount distributed to a given children’s advocacy center un-  
35 der this section may not exceed \$300,000, calculated based on the total of:

36       “(A) Amounts distributed to the children’s advocacy center under subsection (3) of this  
37 section; and

38       “(B) Amounts awarded to the children’s advocacy center under this subsection, including  
39 the amounts of any grants awarded as permitted under paragraph (c) of this subsection to  
40 a health care provider or medical facility that is connected with the children’s advocacy  
41 center.

42       “(6) The department shall award and distribute all of the amounts available for grants  
43 under this section no later than June 30, 2025.

44       “SECTION 5. (1) The Children’s Advocacy Center One-Time Grant Fund is established in  
45 the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The Children’s Advocacy

1 Center One-Time Grant Fund consists of moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or  
2 transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise. Interest earned by the  
3 fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the  
4 Department of Justice for carrying out the purposes of section 4 of this 2024 Act.

5 “(2) The department may use moneys in the fund to pay the administrative costs asso-  
6 ciated with the fund and with administering the grant program under section 4 of this 2024  
7 Act.

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9 “APPROPRIATION

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11 “SECTION 6. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-  
12 priated to the Department of Justice, for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, out of the  
13 General Fund, the amount of \$7,000,000, for deposit in the Children’s Advocacy Center One-  
14 Time Grant Fund established under section 5 of this 2024 Act.

15 “SECTION 7. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of  
16 \$7,000,000 is established for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, as the maximum limit for  
17 payment of expenses from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts,  
18 but excluding lottery funds and other federal funds, collected or received by the Department  
19 of Justice, for the Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division, for the Children’s Advocacy  
20 Center One-Time Grant Fund established by section 5 of this 2024 Act, for the grants and  
21 grant program administrative costs under section 4 of this 2024 Act.

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23 “MISCELLANEOUS

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25 “SECTION 8. Sections 4 and 5 of this 2024 Act are repealed on January 2, 2026.

26 “SECTION 9. The unit captions used in this 2024 Act are provided only for the conven-  
27 ience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any  
28 legislative intent in the enactment of this 2024 Act.

29 “SECTION 10. This 2024 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
30 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2024 Act takes effect  
31 on its passage.”.