

House Bill 2524

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (Pre-session filed.)

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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells ODVA to make a program to give grants to court and community care programs for children of veterans. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.6).

Directs the Department of Veterans' Affairs to establish a grant program for court and community care programs providing services to children of veterans and veteran families.

Allocates lottery moneys from the Veterans' Services Fund for the program.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to child care programs to support veterans' access to services; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall establish a program to provide**
5 **grants for funding for programs to provide court and community care to children of veterans**
6 **and veteran families.**

7 **(2) The department may award a grant under the program to a court and community**
8 **care program that:**

9 **(a) Is an established court and community care program at the time of application for**
10 **the grant;**

11 **(b) Demonstrates that the court and community care program has current or planned**
12 **future service availability specifically for children of veterans and veteran families;**

13 **(c) Agrees to use grant funds only to provide service availability to children of veterans**
14 **and veteran families; and**

15 **(d) Agrees to gather and report to the department data on the usage of the court and**
16 **community care program by veterans and the benefits of the program to veterans.**

17 **(3) The department may adopt rules to implement this section.**

18 **SECTION 2. There is allocated for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, from the**
19 **Veterans' Services Fund, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the amount of \$500,000 for**
20 **the purposes of making grants and paying administrative costs under the program estab-**
21 **lished under section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

22 **SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$500,000**
23 **is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for payment of**
24 **expenses from lottery moneys allocated from the Veterans' Services Fund established under**
25 **ORS 406.140 to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, for the purposes of making grants and**
26 **paying administrative costs under the program established under section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

27 **SECTION 4. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
28 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**

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 **on its passage.**

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