

House Bill 2712

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 says that OJD can do audits of circuit courts. The Act tells OJD to look at the role of supervised visitation specialists and make a report. (Flesch Readability Score: 77.8).

Provides that the Judicial Department may implement an audit schedule for the circuit courts.

Requires the department to study the role of supervised visitation specialists used for custody casework. Directs the department to submit findings to the committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary not later than March 1, 2026.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the Judicial Department; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Judicial Department may implement a statewide randomized unan-**
5 **nounced audit schedule for the circuit courts.**

6 **(2) If during an audit performed under this section, the auditor finds a violation of ethics**
7 **or financial standards or conflicts of interest occurring in a circuit court, the auditor:**

8 **(a) Shall report the findings to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court within 10 days**
9 **after the audit.**

10 **(b) Shall report the findings to the Oregon State Bar or the Commission on Judicial Fit-**
11 **ness and Disability, as appropriate.**

12 **SECTION 2. (1) The Judicial Department shall study the role of supervised visitation**
13 **specialists used for custody casework. The study must include a review of:**

14 **(a) National benchmark programming;**

15 **(b) Existing educational and training requirements; and**

16 **(c) Payment methods and the impacts of payment methods on outcomes.**

17 **(2) The department shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and**
18 **may include recommendations for legislation, to the committees of the Legislative Assembly**
19 **related to the judiciary no later than March 1, 2026.**

20 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.**

21 **SECTION 4. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025**
22 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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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.