

Senate Bill 422

Sponsored by Senator REYNOLDS (at the request of Multnomah County, County Human Services) (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 DHS to create a pilot program to find solutions to better serve people with IDD's. (Flesch Readability Score: 75.7).

Directs the Department of Human Services to implement a pilot stabilization program to reduce disruptions in placement and identify long-term solutions to better serve individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, including individuals who experience co-occurring diagnoses.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to developmental disabilities services; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

5 (a) **“Developmental disability” and “intellectual disability” have the meanings given those**
6 **terms in ORS 427.005.**

7 (b) **“Exception request” means a request made to the Department of Human Services to**
8 **alter a limit or condition on a service based on an individual’s demonstrated need.**

9 (2) **The department shall implement a pilot stabilization program to reduce disruptions**
10 **in placement and identify long-term solutions to better serve individuals with intellectual or**
11 **developmental disabilities in this state, including individuals who experience co-occurring**
12 **diagnoses. The goals of the program are to:**

13 (a) **Reduce or eliminate the need for exception requests;**

14 (b) **Reduce or eliminate the need for temporary lodging;**

15 (c) **Reduce or eliminate the incidence of foster care placement disruption;**

16 (d) **Provide the initial resources needed for foster care providers to meet the acute be-**
17 **havioral, physical and emotional needs of individuals experiencing trauma;**

18 (e) **Enhance the ability of youth to engage in prosocial activities led by the youth’s pri-**
19 **mary caregiver; and**

20 (f) **Ensure that children have access to opportunities to form safe and healthy attach-**
21 **ments during times of extreme disruption.**

22 (3) **The program shall:**

23 (a) **For individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities who are in need of foster**
24 **care placement after being discharged from the Oregon State Hospital, after receiving child**
25 **welfare services under ORS 418.005 or after being involved in the criminal or juvenile justice**
26 **system, utilize a stabilization rate assessment to identify the individuals’ support needs and**
27 **provide up to six months of additional funding to foster care providers until the individuals’**
28 **support needs have been accurately assessed.**

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 **(b) Implement a program for training and licensing crisis care providers to provide spe-**
2 **cialized stabilization care for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities who**
3 **have co-occurring diagnoses and high acuity.**

4 **(c)(A) Establish a centralized provider training unit to provide ongoing, advanced-level**
5 **training and crisis support to providers that are licensed by the department to provide ser-**
6 **vices to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities; and**

7 **(B) Provide grants to counties to design and provide specialized training and technical**
8 **assistance to providers.**

9 **(d)(A) Establish a coalition to develop sustainable, fiscally responsible solutions for pro-**
10 **viding services to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities who have co-**
11 **occurring diagnoses in a manner that integrates supports across state agencies and**
12 **promotes long-term stabilization in the community.**

13 **(B) The coalition shall include:**

14 **(i) Representatives of the department;**

15 **(ii) Representatives of the Oregon Health Authority;**

16 **(iii) Representatives of the Oregon Youth Authority;**

17 **(iv) Representatives of state agencies who work directly with individuals with intellectual**
18 **or developmental disabilities who experience co-occurring disabilities;**

19 **(v) Individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities who experience co-occurring**
20 **disabilities or co-occurring diagnoses; and**

21 **(vi) Advocates for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities who experi-**
22 **ence co-occurring disabilities or co-occurring diagnoses.**

23 **(C) The department, the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Youth Authority shall**
24 **retain a consultant with experience implementing collaborative framework models for state,**
25 **local or nonprofit organizations to assist the coalition in achieving the objectives described**
26 **in this paragraph.**

27 **(4) No later than September 15, 2026, the department shall submit a report to the interim**
28 **committees of the Legislative Assembly related to human services, in the manner provided**
29 **in ORS 192.245, on the outcomes of the pilot stabilization program and may recommend leg-**
30 **islation to implement aspects of the program that were successful.**

31 **SECTION 2.** **Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.**

32 **SECTION 3.** **This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
33 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
34 **on its passage.**

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