

Enrolled Senate Bill 982

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to out-of-state residential placements of students; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

(a) **“Child-caring agency”** has the meaning given that term in ORS 418.205.

(b) **“Public funds”** means moneys drawn from the State Treasury or any special or trust fund of the state government, including any moneys appropriated by the state government and transferred to any public body, as defined in ORS 174.109, and any other moneys under the control of a public official by virtue of office.

(2) A school district may use public funds to place a student of any age in an out-of-state child-caring agency only if:

(a) The out-of-state child-caring agency satisfies the licensing criteria under ORS 418.321 (1)(a) and (2);

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

(c) The school district’s contract with the child-caring agency, at a minimum:

(A) Requires the child-caring agency to provide the school district with a current list of every entity for which the child-caring agency is providing placement services at the time the contract is executed;

(B) Requires the child-caring agency to provide the school district with the notification described in ORS 418.321 (3)(b)(B) no later than 15 days after accepting placement of a child from a new entity; and

(C) Satisfies the requirements under ORS 418.321 (3)(b)(C) to (O).

(3) The school district shall review the school district’s contract with an out-of-state child-caring agency prior to placing a student with the child-caring agency.

(4) The provisions of this section do not apply to the out-of-state residential placement of a student in a public education program if the program meets the standards of an equivalent program in this state and the program is designated as a state school for the deaf or a state school for the blind.

(5) The Department of Human Services may charge a school district for the department’s costs associated with the licensing, investigation and oversight of an out-of-state child-caring agency in which the school district places a student under this section.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act applies to placements of students in out-of-state child-caring agencies on or after the effective date of this 2025 Act.

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

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