

Senate Bill 982

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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 sets forth standards for a school district to be allowed to place a student in another state. (Flesch Readability Score: 76.2).

Authorizes school districts to use public funds for out-of-state placement of students only if specified criteria are satisfied. Creates exceptions. Authorizes the Department of Human Services to charge school districts for licensing-related costs.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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