

House Bill 2772

Sponsored by Representative WHISNANT

SUMMARY

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Requires private child-caring agencies that contract with Department of Human Services for placing children in foster care to work with child's family in selecting placement.
Allows family member to be foster parent to child.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to foster care; amending ORS 418.280 and 418.625.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 418.280 is amended to read:

5 418.280. Private child-caring agencies, in placing children in private families, shall:

6 (1) Safeguard the welfare of the children by the thorough investigation of each applicant and
7 home and its environment;

8 (2) Carefully select the child to suit the new relationship and location;

9 (3) Personally and adequately supervise each home and child until the [*latter*] **child** returns to
10 the direct care of the agency or, if permanently placed, receives legal adoption or attains legal age;
11 [*and*]

12 (4) So far as practicable, place such children in families of the same religious faith as that held
13 by the children or their parents[.]; **and**

14 (5) **Work with the child's family, to the greatest extent possible, in selecting the foster**
15 **care placement.**

16 **SECTION 2.** ORS 418.625 is amended to read:

17 418.625. As used in ORS 418.625 to 418.645:

18 (1) "Certificate" means a written approval to operate a foster home issued by the Department
19 of Human Services on a form prescribed by the department that states the name of the foster parent,
20 the address of the premises to which the certificate applies and the maximum number of children
21 to be maintained or boarded in the foster home at any one time.

22 (2) "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

23 (3) "Foster home" means any home maintained by a person who has under the care of the person
24 in such home any child under the age of 21 years [*not related to the person by blood or marriage*
25 *and*] **who is** unattended by [*its*] **the child's** parent or guardian, for the purpose of providing such
26 child with care, food and lodging[, *but*] "**Foster home**" does not include:

27 (a) Any boarding school that is essentially and primarily engaged in educational work;

28 (b) Any home in which a child is provided board and room by a school board;

29 (c) Any foster home under the direct supervision of a private child-caring agency or institution
30 certified by the department;

31 (d) Any home under the direct supervision of a custodial parent for the purpose of providing

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
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1 respite care as defined by rule; or

2 (e) Any developmental disability child foster home as defined in ORS 443.830.

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