

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 597

By COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

May 30

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 7 through 11 and insert:

2 “(2) An adoptive parent and a birth parent may enter into a written agreement, approved by the
3 court, to permit continuing contact between the birth relatives and the child or adoptive parents.

4 “(3) If the child is within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court under ORS 419B.100, an adoptive
5 parent and a birth relative may enter into a written agreement, approved by the court, to permit
6 continuing contact between the birth relatives and the child or adoptive parents. A birth relative
7 that enters into an agreement under this subsection must have established emotional ties creating
8 an ongoing personal relationship, as defined in ORS 109.119, with the child. If the child is under one
9 year of age, the ongoing personal relationship between the birth relative and the child must have
10 continued for at least half of the child’s life.

11 “(4) If the child is 14 years of age or older, an agreement made under this section may not be
12 entered into without the consent of the child.

13 “(5) As used in this section, ‘birth relative’ includes a birth parent, grandparent, sibling and
14 other member of the child’s birth family.

15 “(6) The court may show approval of an agreement made under this section by incorporating the
16 agreement by reference and indicating the court’s approval of the agreement in the adoption judg-
17 ment.”.

18 In line 12, delete “(3)” and insert “(7)” and delete “subsection (2) of”.

19 In line 15, delete “(4)(a)” and insert “(8)(a)” and delete “subsection (2) of”.

20 In line 19, delete “subsection (2) of”.

21 Delete lines 26 through 30 and delete page 2 and insert:

22 “(9) The Department of Human Services is not responsible for any costs associated with an
23 agreement described in subsection (3) of this section.”.

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