

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 766

Ordered by the Senate May 7
Including Senate Amendments dated May 7

Sponsored by Senator MORRISETTE

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.

[Allows Department of Human Services to make grants to or enter into contracts with nonprofit organizations that operate centers for purpose of providing certain services to individuals with disabilities.]

[Appropriates moneys for purposes of Act.]

Creates Task Force on Oregon's Comprehensive Services System for Adults and Children with Developmental Disabilities. Specifies membership and duties of task force.

Continuously appropriates certain moneys to Department of Human Services for purposes of carrying out duties of task force.

Sunsets on convening of next regular biennial legislative session.

Declares emergency, effective [July 1, 2007] on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to individuals with disabilities; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas it is estimated that one percent of all Oregonians have a developmental disability; and

4 Whereas these residents make important contributions to the state in profound and unique ways;
5 and

6 Whereas more than 5,500 adults and children statewide receive 24-hour services; and

7 Whereas many individuals access these services only after a crisis event has occurred; and

8 Whereas many people want access to out-of-home services before a crisis event occurs; and

9 Whereas the only option available for those in need of a comprehensive services system is one
10 driven by crisis, not individual choice; and

11 Whereas 100 Oregon organizations provide housing and all-day support for nearly 3,000 adults;
12 and

13 Whereas more than 9,000 individuals with developmental disabilities and their families continue
14 to wait for critical services; and

15 Whereas many adults and children with developmental disabilities have multiple physical disa-
16 bilities, requiring additional care and supervision; and

17 Whereas there is a need for a comprehensive services system driven by individual decision-
18 making; and

19 Whereas adults and children with developmental disabilities should have opportunities to de-
20 velop relationships with other members of the community; and

21 Whereas all adults, disabled or not, should have the opportunity to choose where and with whom
22 they live; and

23 Whereas individual preference should guide the selection of comprehensive services; and

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 Whereas individuals with developmental disabilities, along with their families, government and
2 support organizations, should be able to determine the provision of assistance; and

3 Whereas families of individuals with developmental disabilities should be able to request support
4 in meeting an individual's needs and preferences; and

5 Whereas the provision of comprehensive services is the responsibility of all Oregonians if this
6 state is to improve the living conditions of residents with developmental disabilities; now, therefore,

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

8 **SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Task Force on Oregon's Comprehensive Services**
9 **System for Adults and Children with Developmental Disabilities, consisting of 20 members**
10 **appointed as follows:**

11 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint three members from among members of the**
12 **Senate.**

13 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members from**
14 **among members of the House of Representatives.**

15 **(c) The President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly**
16 **appoint 14 members who are experienced in health and human services or housing issues and**
17 **shall include:**

18 **(A) Two representatives from organizations of parents of persons with developmental**
19 **disabilities;**

20 **(B) Two representatives from organizations of individuals with developmental disabilities;**

21 **(C) Two representatives from community groups that advocate on behalf of persons with**
22 **developmental disabilities;**

23 **(D) Two representatives from community housing development corporations;**

24 **(E) Two representatives from organizations that provide residential services to persons**
25 **with developmental disabilities;**

26 **(F) One representative from an organization that provides vocational services to persons**
27 **with developmental disabilities;**

28 **(G) One representative from an organization that provides legal services to persons with**
29 **developmental disabilities;**

30 **(H) One representative from the Housing and Community Services Department; and**

31 **(I) One representative from the Department of Human Services.**

32 **(2) The task force shall:**

33 **(a) Evaluate the current comprehensive services system for adults and children with**
34 **developmental disabilities in Oregon;**

35 **(b) Seek the involvement of persons or organizations knowledgeable or experienced in**
36 **issues related to adults and children with developmental disabilities seeking comprehensive**
37 **services; and**

38 **(c) Develop a comprehensive approach to addressing the needs of adults and children with**
39 **developmental disabilities.**

40 **(3) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**
41 **of business.**

42 **(4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**
43 **of the task force.**

44 **(5) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.**

45 **(6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-**

1 ment to become immediately effective.

2 (7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
3 or of a majority of the members of the task force.

4 (8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

5 (9) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-
6 lation, to an interim committee related to human services, as appropriate, no later than
7 October 1, 2008.

8 (10) The Department of Human Services shall provide staff support to the task force.

9 (11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
10 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
11 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
12 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
13 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Department of Human Ser-
14 vices for that purpose.

15 (12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
16 the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating
17 to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force
18 consider necessary to perform their duties.

19 (13) All appointments to the task force made under subsection (1) of this section must
20 be completed by the later of 30 days after adjournment sine die of the regular session of the
21 Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly or September 1, 2007.

22 (14) The Department of Human Services may accept contributions of moneys and assist-
23 ance from the United States Government or its agencies or from any other source, public
24 or private, and agree to conditions placed on the moneys not inconsistent with the duties of
25 the task force.

26 (15) All moneys received by the Department of Human Services under subsection (14) of
27 this section shall be paid into the State Treasury and deposited in the General Fund to the
28 credit of the Department of Human Services. The moneys are continuously appropriated to
29 the department for the purposes of carrying out the duties of the task force.

30 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2007 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the next
31 regular biennial legislative session.

32 **SECTION 3.** This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
33 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect
34 on its passage.