

Senate Bill 853

Sponsored by Senator STARR

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**.

Requires Department of Human Services to establish standards for family group homes. Requires specified payment by department for children in family group homes.

Appropriates moneys to department for certification of and payments to family group homes.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to family group homes; and appropriating money.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2007 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 418.625 to**
5 **418.645.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules for the certification**
7 **of foster homes that are family group homes. Family group homes include specialized family**
8 **group homes and standard family group homes.**

9 **(2) To be certified by the department, specialized family group homes must:**

10 **(a) Meet all safety standards established by the department;**

11 **(b) Have the capacity to provide a safe and caring environment for a child whose emo-**
12 **tional and behavioral characteristics are appropriate for family group home care;**

13 **(c) Be staffed by the family group home provider;**

14 **(d) Contain a minimum of one adult for every five children who are present in the home;**
15 **and**

16 **(e) Have staff participate in 30 hours of professional training each year, as prescribed by**
17 **the department.**

18 **(3) To be certified by the department, standard family group homes must:**

19 **(a) Contain a minimum of 15 beds with multiple homes or cottages;**

20 **(b) Have paid staff with paraprofessional training, as prescribed by the department;**

21 **(c) Offer on-site services of a mental health professional;**

22 **(d) Keep siblings together;**

23 **(e) Provide extended care;**

24 **(f) Provide services to develop independent living skills, including emancipation services**
25 **prescribed by the department;**

26 **(g) Provide vocational training;**

27 **(h) Provide referrals to community services; and**

28 **(i) Provide parenting classes and parenting involvement.**

29 **SECTION 3. For the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, the Department of Human Services**
30 **shall pay foster homes certified as family group homes under section 2 of this 2007 Act at**
31 **the rate of \$1,400 per month for each child placed in the home by the department.**

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 **SECTION 4.** There is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the
2 biennium beginning July 1, 2007, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____ for the
3 purpose of carrying out the provisions of sections 2 and 3 of this 2007 Act.

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