

B-Engrossed House Bill 3102

Ordered by the House June 24
Including House Amendments dated April 25 and June 24

Sponsored by Representatives THOMPSON, HUNT; Representatives GILLIAM, KOTEK, KRIEGER

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.

[Transfers authority over court appointed special advocates and CASA Volunteer Programs from State Commission on Children and Families to judicial branch of state government.]

[Continuously appropriates moneys in Court Appointed Special Advocate Fund to Oregon Department of Administrative Services for making distributions to CASA Volunteer Programs or to counties for making such distributions.]

[Creates] **Establishes** Court Appointed Special Advocate Task Force to make recommendations on appropriate *[entity to administer and supervise]* **structure and operation of** CASA Volunteer Programs *[and certain other matters related to programs]*. Requires submission of report to appropriate interim committees **of Legislative Assembly** no later than January 15, 2012. Sunsets task force on June 30, 2012.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to court appointed special advocates; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is established the Court Appointed Special Advocate Task Force**
5 **consisting of nine members appointed as follows:**

6 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among members of the**
7 **Senate.**

8 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among**
9 **members of the House of Representatives.**

10 (c) **The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall appoint four members as follows:**

11 (A) **Two members representing CASA Volunteer Programs; and**

12 (B) **Two members from the Judicial Department with expertise in juvenile dependency**
13 **cases.**

14 (d) **The Governor shall appoint three members as follows:**

15 (A) **Two members from the Oregon State Bar with expertise in juvenile justice cases in-**
16 **volving court appointed special advocates; and**

17 (B) **One member from among members of the Oregon Volunteers Commission for Vol-**
18 **untary Action and Service established under ORS 458.555.**

19 (2) **The task force shall study and make recommendations on the appropriate structure**
20 **and operation for funding and administration of the CASA Volunteer Programs in this state.**

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

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

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 of the task force.

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

3 (6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
4 ment to become immediately effective.

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

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

8 (9) The task force shall make a report, and may include recommendations for legislation,
9 to interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the provision of court appointed
10 special advocate services no later than January 15, 2012.

11 (10) The Legislative Administrator selected under ORS 173.710 shall staff the task force.

12 (11) The task force may accept donations of staff support, office space and equipment
13 from advocacy or service provider organizations to assist the task force in the performance
14 of its functions.

15 (12)(a) Notwithstanding ORS 171.072, members of the task force who are members of the
16 Legislative Assembly are not entitled to mileage expenses or a per diem and serve as volun-
17 teers on the task force.

18 (b) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
19 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
20 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
21 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
22 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the State Commission on Children
23 and Families for the operation of the CASA Volunteer Programs.

24 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2011 Act is repealed on June 30, 2012.

25 **SECTION 3.** This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
26 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect
27 on its passage.

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