

House Bill 3260

Sponsored by Representative BARKER; Representative BOONE (at the request of Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs)

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 State Commission on Children and Families to contract with nonprofit entity to establish, coordinate and deliver support services for runaway and homeless youth and their families. Permits nonprofit entity to seek local, state or federal funding for provision of runaway and homeless youth support services.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to support services for youth; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 417.799, 417.800
3 and 417.801.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 417.799 is amended to read:

6 417.799. (1) The State Commission on Children and Families [*is responsible for coordinating*
7 *statewide planning for delivery of*] **shall contract with a nonprofit entity for the purpose of es-**
8 **tablishing, coordinating and delivering** services to runaway and homeless youth and their families.

9 **(2) As used in this section, "nonprofit entity" means a corporation not for profit organ-**
10 **ized under the provisions of ORS chapter 65 for the purpose of establishing, coordinating and**
11 **delivering services to runaway and homeless youth and their families, or authorized by the**
12 **nonprofit entity's charter to establish, coordinate and deliver services to runaway and**
13 **homeless youth and their families.**

14 [(2) *The State Commission on Children and Families shall lead a process that will allow the state*
15 *commission, the Juvenile Crime Prevention Advisory Committee, the Employment Department, the De-*
16 *partment of Human Services, the Housing and Community Services Department, the Department of*
17 *Community Colleges and Workforce Development, the Department of Education and the Oregon Youth*
18 *Authority to develop a comprehensive and coordinated approach for services and support for runaway*
19 *and homeless youth and their families. The approach shall include an assessment of service needs, the*
20 *integration of existing services and the identification and tracking of a statewide high-level outcome*
21 *related to runaway and homeless youth and their families.]*

22 [(3) *Through the process, the agencies and other persons and entities involved in the process*
23 *shall:]*

24 [(a) *Recommend funding mechanisms, financial resources and policy changes that will support a*
25 *continuum of services and that will ensure integration of services among state agencies that provide*
26 *services to runaway and homeless youth and their families;]*

27 [(b) *Identify means of service delivery that are culturally competent, gender specific and evidence*
28 *based and that reflect differences in approaches for urban and rural runaway and homeless youth and*
29 *their families;]*

30 [(c) *Develop urban and rural demonstration sites to test effective service delivery models for the*

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 *urban and rural populations;]*

2 *[(d) Recommend policies and services that specifically address the needs and responsibilities of*
3 *parents of runaway and homeless youth;]*

4 *[(e) Review existing state laws regarding parental accountability to determine recommended*
5 *enforcement levels and examine new strategies to encourage parents to be accountable for positive de-*
6 *velopment of their children; and]*

7 *[(f) Recommend policies that integrate a system of services for runaway and homeless youth into*
8 *the state's continuum of care for children who are 0 through 18 years of age.]*

9 *[(4) In addition to the state agencies listed in subsection (2) of this section, the state commission*
10 *shall include representatives of youth, nonprofit organizations and statewide coalitions related to run-*
11 *away and homeless youth services and supports in the joint process described in subsection (2) of this*
12 *section.]*

13 **SECTION 2.** ORS 417.800 is amended to read:

14 417.800. The **nonprofit entity contracted with by the** State Commission on Children and
15 Families **pursuant to ORS 417.799** shall coordinate the collection of data, provision of technical
16 assistance to communities for assessing the needs of runaway and homeless youth, and identification
17 and promotion of the best practices for service delivery, and shall recommend long term goals to
18 identify and address the underlying causes of homelessness of youth.

19 **SECTION 3.** ORS 417.801 is amended to read:

20 417.801. Local commissions on children and families shall consider the needs, resources and
21 support for runaway and homeless youth and their families as part of the development of local co-
22 ordinated comprehensive plans. As part of this process, local commissions shall provide information
23 to the **nonprofit entity contracted with by the** State Commission on Children and Families **pur-**
24 **suant to ORS 417.799** on the barriers to local implementation of care and services to runaway and
25 homeless youth and their families that result from existing state level policies.

26 **SECTION 4.** Section 5 of this 2011 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 417.705 to
27 417.801.

28 **SECTION 5.** The nonprofit entity contracted with under ORS 417.799:

29 (1)(a) **Shall be responsible for distributing funds received by the State Commission on**
30 **Children and Families for the purpose of providing services to runaway and homeless youth**
31 **and their families.**

32 (b) **The nonprofit entity shall distribute the funds described in paragraph (a) of this**
33 **subsection in accordance with:**

34 (A) **The needs of and resources and support for runaway and homeless youth identified**
35 **in the local coordinated comprehensive plans prepared by local commissions on children and**
36 **families under ORS 417.775; and**

37 (B) **The best practices for delivery of services to runaway and homeless youth identified**
38 **under ORS 417.800.**

39 (2) **May solicit, apply for, accept and receive local, state and federal moneys, or moneys**
40 **or other property from persons or corporations, public or private, for the purpose of carrying**
41 **out its duties under this section and ORS 417.799, 417.800 and 417.801.**

42 **SECTION 6.** Section 5 of this 2011 Act and the amendments to ORS 417.799, 417.800 and
43 417.801 by sections 1 to 3 of this 2011 Act apply to services provided to runaway and homeless
44 youth and their families on or after the effective date of this 2011 Act.