

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3445

By COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, before the period insert “; appropriating money; and de-
2 claring an emergency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 30 and delete page 2 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. The Legislative Assembly finds that:**

5 **“(1) The community home model for placement of children and wards who are in the legal**
6 **custody of the Department of Human Services is a viable and compelling alternative place-**
7 **ment option to traditional foster care placements; and**

8 **“(2) Pilot projects to establish up to three community homes that will implement the**
9 **community home model throughout this state will provide the department with the oppor-**
10 **tunity to evaluate the success and effectiveness of the community home model as an alter-**
11 **native placement option for children and wards in the legal custody of the department.**

12 **“SECTION 2. (1) As used in sections 1 and 2 of this 2013 Act:**

13 **“(a) ‘Community home’ means a facility that implements and utilizes the community**
14 **home model for the placement of children and wards in the legal custody of the department.**

15 **“(b) ‘Community home model’ means a model for placement of a child or ward who is in**
16 **the legal custody of the Department of Human Services in a community home with other**
17 **children and wards, where the foster parent for the child or ward comes to the community**
18 **home to provide foster parent services and in which the child or ward and the foster parent**
19 **for the child or ward may receive one or more of the following services:**

20 **“(A) Mentoring;**

21 **“(B) Tutoring;**

22 **“(C) One-on-one supervision;**

23 **“(D) Respite care;**

24 **“(E) Assistance in locating immediate and extended family members;**

25 **“(F) 24-hour, daily on-call caregiver support;**

26 **“(G) Skill building;**

27 **“(H) Counseling;**

28 **“(I) Parent education and training;**

29 **“(J) Foster parent education and training;**

30 **“(K) Assistance in establishing support systems with neighbors; and**

31 **“(L) Family-centered interventions, including but not limited to drug, alcohol and mental**
32 **health treatment.**

33 **“(2) The department shall establish up to three community homes to implement the**
34 **community home model in this state for children and wards who have been placed in the**
35 **legal custody of the department for care, placement and supervision under ORS 419B.337.**

1 “(3) The department may contract with one or more nonprofit entities to establish and
2 implement the community homes and provide the community home model services required.

3 “(4) The department shall study and perform an evaluation of the community homes es-
4 tablished, and the community home model implemented, under subsection (2) of this section.
5 The evaluation shall include but not be limited to a comparison of placement outcomes for
6 children and wards in the community homes as compared to children and wards in tradi-
7 tional foster homes, including but not limited to the following:

8 “(a) The length of time a child or ward remains in a community home;

9 “(b) The impact on a child’s or ward’s educational achievement and success;

10 “(c) Emotional and social stability factors for children, wards and foster parents; and

11 “(d) Factors that would impact the ability to replicate the community home model
12 throughout this state.

13 “(5)(a) The department and a nonprofit entity with which the department has contracted
14 under this section may solicit and accept gifts, grants and donations from public and private
15 sources to further the purposes of this section.

16 “(b) Moneys obtained by a nonprofit entity pursuant to solicitation and acceptance of
17 gifts, grants and donations by the nonprofit entity may be maintained, controlled and used
18 for any purpose deemed appropriate by the nonprofit entity to further the purposes of this
19 section without informing or obtaining the consent and approval of the department to receive
20 and use the moneys.

21 “(c) The department may use any available state and federal funds that the department
22 deems appropriate to implement the provisions of this section.

23 “(6) The department may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section.

24 “SECTION 3. The Department of Human Services shall prepare and submit a report to
25 the standing and interim committees of the Legislative Assembly that have authority over
26 the subject areas of child welfare and juvenile dependency on or before the date of the con-
27 vening of the 2015 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.

28 “SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-
29 priated to the Department of Human Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, out
30 of the General Fund, the amount of \$120,000, which may be expended for the purposes of
31 implementing section 2 of this 2013 Act.

32 “SECTION 5. Section 2 of this 2013 Act applies to children or wards who are in the legal
33 custody of the Department of Human Services for care, placement and supervision before,
34 on or after the effective date of this 2013 Act.

35 “SECTION 6. Sections 1 and 2 of this 2013 Act are repealed on June 30, 2015.

36 “SECTION 7. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
37 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect
38 on its passage.”.