

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2232**

Ordered by the House March 25  
Including House Amendments dated March 25

Sponsored by Representative NATHANSON; Representative EVANS (Pre-session filed.)

**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.

Directs Department of Human Services to appoint advisory committee to advise department regarding policies and procedures to coordinate statewide planning for delivery of services to runaway and homeless youth and their families.

**Requires department to report annually to interim legislative committees regarding status of system of services and support and advice and information provided by advisory committee.**

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to support services for certain youth; amending ORS 417.799; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

5 417.799. (1) The Department of Human Services is responsible for coordinating statewide plan-  
6 ning for delivery of services to runaway and homeless youth and their families.

7 (2) The department shall recommend policies that integrate a system of services and support for  
8 runaway and homeless youth into the state's continuum of care for children who are 0 through 17  
9 years of age. The department shall recommend policies for a system of services and support for  
10 youth who are 18 through 20 years of age and who continue to be or who become homeless.

11 (3) The department may work with the Youth Development Division, the Employment Depart-  
12 ment, the Housing and Community Services Department, the Department of Community Colleges and  
13 Workforce Development, the Department of Education and the Oregon Youth Authority to develop  
14 a comprehensive and coordinated approach for services and support for runaway and homeless youth  
15 and their families, including youth who are 18 through 20 years of age and who continue to be or  
16 who become homeless.

17 (4) In addition to the entities listed in subsection (3) of this section, the department shall include  
18 representatives of youth, nonprofit organizations and statewide coalitions related to runaway and  
19 homeless youth services and supports, including services and supports for youth who are 18 through  
20 20 years of age and who continue to be or who become homeless, in the joint process described in  
21 subsection (3) of this section.

22 (5) The department may enter into and renew contracts with providers for the provision of ser-  
23 vices to runaway and homeless youth and their families, including services to youth who are 18  
24 through 20 years of age and who continue to be or who become homeless.

25 **(6) The department shall appoint an advisory committee to advise the department with**

**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 respect to policies and procedures to coordinate statewide planning for delivery of services  
2 to runaway and homeless youth and their families. The advisory committee shall meet with  
3 and advise the department on a regular basis, provide the department with information re-  
4 garding the status of existing services and make recommendations for improvements and  
5 additional services. The department shall include as members of the advisory committee  
6 stakeholders with expertise in housing, mental health and addictions, sex trafficking, child  
7 welfare and law enforcement.

8 (7) The department shall report annually on or before September 15 of each year to the  
9 interim legislative committees on child welfare regarding the status of the system of services  
10 and support for runaway and homeless youth developed by the department, and the advice  
11 and information provided by the advisory committee appointed by the department, pursuant  
12 to this section.

13 SECTION 2. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
14 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect  
15 on its passage.  
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