

**B-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2233**

Ordered by the House June 30  
Including House Amendments dated April 23 and June 30

Sponsored by Representative NATHANSON; Representative EVANS (Presession 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 create advisory committee within Office of Adult Abuse Prevention and Investigations to advise regarding residential care for children, youth or youth offenders. **Requires report to interim legislative committees no later than December 15, 2015, regarding advice and recommendations of advisory committee.**

**Sunsets January 2, 2016.**

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to residential care for children; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1)(a) The Department of Human Services shall create an advisory committee within the department's Office of Adult Abuse Prevention and Investigations for the purpose of advising the department and the office with respect to residential care for children, youth or youth offenders and programs and facilities that provide residential care for children, youth or youth offenders that are subject to the oversight and administration of the office.**

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10 (b) The advisory committee shall prepare recommendations to the department and the office with respect to residential care for children, youth or youth offenders regarding, at a minimum, the following:

11 (A) The need to adopt new or amend existing administrative rules;

12 (B) The status of existing processes to investigate residential care and the need to improve or expand such processes;

13 (C) The current processes for making findings of abuse or neglect in residential care;

14 (D) Strategies for ensuring the safety of children, youth or youth offenders in residential care; and

15 (E) Streamlining processes within the department and the office with respect to residential care.

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17 (2) The Director of Human Services shall appoint the members of the advisory committee to include, at a minimum:

18 (a) An employee in the department's licensing division that is responsible for licensing programs or facilities that provide residential care for children, youth or youth offenders that are subject to the oversight and administration of the office;

19 (b) Representatives from each of the state agencies that enter into contracts with resi-

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**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 **dential treatment providers to provide residential care for children, youth or youth**  
2 **offenders;**

3 **(c) Representatives of entities that advocate for or represent providers of residential care**  
4 **for children, youth or youth offenders; and**

5 **(d) A representative of an advocacy organization that represents consumers of residen-**  
6 **tial care for children, youth or youth offenders.**

7 **(3) For the purposes set forth in subsection (1) of this section, the advisory committee**  
8 **shall meet no more than six times before the date specified in subsection (4) of this section,**  
9 **unless requested to meet more often by the department or the office, with providers of res-**  
10 **idential care, organizations that represent providers of residential care and advocacy organ-**  
11 **izations.**

12 **(4) No later than December 15, 2015, the department and the office shall submit a report**  
13 **to the interim legislative committees on child welfare and residential care for children, youth**  
14 **or youth offenders regarding the advice and recommendations provided by the advisory**  
15 **committee pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.**

16 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on January 2, 2016.**

17 **SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
18 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**  
19 **on its passage.**

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