

House Bill 2233

Sponsored by Representative NATHANSON (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 **as introduced**.

Requires Oregon Health Authority to continue to reimburse behavioral rehabilitation services provider for children removed pending investigation of abuse. Requires investigation to conclude in 60 days or less.

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) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"Absent rate" means the per diem reimbursement paid to a behavioral rehabilitation**
6 **services provider in order to hold a program placement while a child placed with the provider**
7 **is visiting a relative.**

8 (b) **"Agency" means the state agency that has custody of a child and places the child with**
9 **a behavioral rehabilitation services provider.**

10 (c) **"Behavioral rehabilitation services provider" means a private child-caring agency, as**
11 **defined in ORS 418.205, that contracts with the Oregon Health Authority to provide residen-**
12 **tial treatment to children with psychosocial, emotional or behavioral disorders.**

13 (2) **If, upon a complaint or report of abuse, an agency removes a child or children placed**
14 **with a behavioral rehabilitation services provider, the Oregon Health Authority shall con-**
15 **tinue to reimburse the provider, at the absent rate, for the care of the removed child or**
16 **children until the abuse investigation is completed.**

17 (3) **The authority shall resolve any complaint or report described in subsection (2) of this**
18 **section in 60 days or less from the date the complaint or report is filed with the authority.**

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

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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.