

Senate Bill 149

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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**.

Expands requirements for independent living that must be contained in case plans for children in custody of Department of Human Services.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to independent living options for children in the custody of the Department of Human
3 Services; amending ORS 419B.343.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 419B.343 is amended to read:

6 419B.343. (1) To ensure effective planning for wards, the Department of Human Services shall
7 take into consideration recommendations and information provided by the committing court before
8 placement in any facility. The department shall ensure that the case planning in any case:

9 (a) For the reunification of the family bears a rational relationship to the jurisdictional findings
10 that brought the ward within the court's jurisdiction under ORS 419B.100;

11 (b) Incorporates the perspective of the ward and the family and, whenever possible, allows the
12 family to assist in designing its own service programs, based on an assessment of the family's needs
13 and the family's solutions and resources for change; and

14 (c) Is integrated with other agencies in cooperation with the caseworkers.

15 (2) Except in cases when the plan is something other than to reunify the family, the department
16 shall include in the case plan:

17 (a) Appropriate services to allow the parent the opportunity to adjust the parent's circum-
18 stances, conduct or conditions to make it possible for the ward to safely return home within a rea-
19 sonable time; and

20 (b) A concurrent permanent plan to be implemented if the parent is unable or unwilling to adjust
21 the parent's circumstances, conduct or conditions in such a way as to make it possible for the ward
22 to safely return home within a reasonable time.

23 (3) Any time after a ward attains 14 years of age, if the department determines that it is ap-
24 propriate, but in no case later than the date the ward attains 16 years of age, the department shall
25 ensure that the case planning in the case addresses the ward's needs and goals for a successful
26 transition to independent living, including **but not limited to** needs and goals related to:

27 (a) Housing[.];

28 (b) Physical and mental health, **including proactive and preventive health care;**

29 (c) Education, **including assistance in obtaining a high school diploma or equivalent;**

30 (d) Employment, **including career exploration, vocational training, job placement and job**

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 **retention;**
 - 2 **(e) Daily living skills;**
 - 3 **(f) Budgeting and financial management skills and training;**
 - 4 **(g) Community connections; and**
 - 5 **(h) Supportive relationships.**
 - 6 (4) The case plan for a ward in substitute care must include the health and education records
 - 7 of the ward, including the most recent information available regarding:
 - 8 (a) The names and addresses of the ward's health and education providers;
 - 9 (b) The grade level of the ward's academic performance;
 - 10 (c) The ward's school record;
 - 11 (d) Whether the ward's placement takes into account proximity to the school in which the ward
 - 12 is enrolled at the time of placement;
 - 13 (e) The ward's immunizations;
 - 14 (f) Any known medical problems of the ward;
 - 15 (g) The ward's medications; and
 - 16 (h) Any other relevant health and education information concerning the ward that the depart-
 - 17 ment determines is appropriate to include in the records.
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