Senate Bill 618

Sponsored by Senator GELSER; Representatives OLSON, RAYFIELD

SUMMARY

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Directs Department of Human Services to identify and enter into agreements with nonprofit organizations to assist homeless youth in obtaining identification cards from Department of Transportation.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to identification cards for homeless youth; amending ORS 417.799.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 417.799 is amended to read:

- 417.799. (1) The Department of Human Services is responsible for coordinating statewide planning for delivery of services to runaway and homeless youth and their families.
- (2) The department shall recommend policies that integrate a system of services and support for runaway and homeless youth into the state's continuum of care for children who are 0 through 17 years of age. The department shall recommend policies for a system of services and support for youth who are 18 through 20 years of age and who continue to be or who become homeless.
- (3) The department may work with the Youth Development Division, the Employment Department, the Housing and Community Services Department, the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, the Department of Education, the Department of Transportation and the Oregon Youth Authority to develop a comprehensive and coordinated approach for services and support for runaway and homeless youth and their families, including youth who are 18 through 20 years of age and who continue to be or who become homeless.
- (4) In addition to the entities listed in subsection (3) of this section, the department shall include representatives of youth, nonprofit organizations and statewide coalitions related to runaway and homeless youth services and supports, including services and supports for youth who are 18 through 20 years of age and who continue to be or who become homeless, in the joint process described in subsection (3) of this section.
- (5) The department may enter into and renew contracts with providers for the provision of services to runaway and homeless youth and their families, including services to youth who are 18 through 20 years of age and who continue to be or who become homeless.
- (6) The department shall identify and enter into agreements with nonprofit organizations to provide services to homeless youth for the purpose of facilitating the acquisition of identification cards under ORS 807.400 by homeless youth. The department shall adopt rules establishing criteria for nonprofit organizations to provide such services. The nonprofit organization shall, at a minimum, provide the following services and assistance to homeless youth:
 - (a) Establishing domicile or residency;

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.

- (b) Obtaining Social Security numbers, locating Social Security numbers currently assigned to homeless youth, if any, or proving that homeless youth are not eligible for Social Security numbers;
 - (c) Establishing proof of legal presence in the United States;
 - (d) Obtaining evidence of homeless youths' full legal names, ages and identities; and
 - (e) Aiding in proving the identities of homeless youth in any manner required by the Department of Transportation for the purpose of obtaining an identification card.

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