

Senate Bill 939

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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**.

Directs Department of Corrections to enter into contracts with nonprofit entities to create programs to assist children of incarcerated parents. Specifies certain requirements for programs. Directs department to evaluate effectiveness of programs and annually report results of evaluation to Legislative Assembly.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department for creating and funding programs.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to programs for children of incarcerated parents.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Corrections shall enter into contracts with nonprofit**
5 **entities to provide programs to assist the children of incarcerated parents.**

6 **(2) The programs described in subsection (1) of this section must provide culturally ap-**
7 **propriate training and support to incarcerated parents and must include:**

8 **(a) Parenting skills training; and**

9 **(b) Contact and interaction between the incarcerated parent and the child.**

10 **(3)(a) The department shall establish and perform an evaluation process to monitor the**
11 **effectiveness of the programs described in subsection (1) of this section. The evaluation**
12 **process must include a comparison of outcomes for inmates and children who participated**
13 **in the programs and inmates and children who did not participate.**

14 **(b) The department shall annually report the results of the evaluation process described**
15 **in paragraph (a) of this subsection to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 1.**

16 **(4) The department may solicit, apply for and accept gifts or grants, donations or other**
17 **moneys from public or private entities, and may use other available state and federal moneys**
18 **at the discretion of the Director of the Department of Corrections, in order to fund the**
19 **programs described in subsection (1) of this section.**

20 **(5) The department may adopt rules to implement this section.**

21 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
22 **ated to the Department of Corrections, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, out of the**
23 **General Fund, the amount of \$2,000,000 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of**
24 **section 1 of this 2015 Act.**

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