

Requested by Senator GELSER

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 314**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 3, delete “and” and after “2013” insert
2 “; and declaring an emergency”.

3 Delete lines 5 through 28 and delete page 2.

4 On page 3, delete lines 1 through 5 and insert:

5 **“SECTION 1. As used in this section and ORS 417.788:**

6 **“(1) ‘At risk’ means likely to enter foster care due to multiple risk**
7 **factors, including but not limited to:**

8 **“(a) Living in a household that is at or near poverty, as determined**
9 **under federal poverty guidelines;**

10 **“(b) Living in inadequate or unsafe housing;**

11 **“(c) Having inadequate nutrition;**

12 **“(d) Living in a household where there is significant or documented**
13 **domestic conflict, disruption or violence;**

14 **“(e) Having a parent who suffers from mental illness, who engages**
15 **in substance abuse or who experiences a developmental disability or**
16 **an intellectual disability;**

17 **“(f) Living in circumstances under which there is neglectful or**
18 **abusive caregiving;**

19 **“(g) Having unmet health care and medical treatment needs; or**

20 **“(h) Having a racial or ethnic minority status that is historically**
21 **consistent with disproportionate overrepresentation in academic**

1 achievement gaps or in the system of child welfare, foster care or ju-
2 venile or adult corrections.

3 “(2) ‘Relief Nursery program’ means a program that:

4 “(a) Provides services to families with at-risk children who are zero
5 through five years of age, where the participation and progress of each
6 child and family are tracked and reported through a database that is
7 created and maintained by the Oregon Association of Relief Nurseries;

8 “(b) Is community based and implemented by a nongovernmental
9 entity;

10 “(c) Is exempt from income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the
11 Internal Revenue Code; and

12 “(d) Maintains or exceeds the minimum therapeutic program ser-
13 vices necessary for certification by the Oregon Association of Relief
14 Nurseries, including but not limited to therapeutic early childhood
15 programs, home visiting and parent education, support and outreach.

16 “SECTION 2. ORS 417.788 is amended to read:

17 “417.788. (1) The Early Learning Division shall support [*relief nurseries*]
18 Relief Nursery programs statewide as funding becomes available. Relief
19 Nursery programs must be certified by the Oregon Association of Re-
20 lief Nurseries. Funding to support certified Relief Nursery programs
21 may include, but is not limited to:

22 “(a) Administrative costs;

23 “(b) Costs for direct service personnel, equipment, supplies and op-
24 erating expenses;

25 “(c) Start-up costs;

26 “(d) Classroom furniture and materials;

27 “(e) Playground equipment;

28 “(f) Computers; and

29 “(g) Transportation vehicles.

30 “(2) The division may encourage communities to establish [*relief*

1 *nurseries*] **Relief Nursery programs** for young children who are at risk and
2 their families. [*Adjoining counties*] **Communities** may choose to establish
3 regional [*relief nurseries*] **Relief Nursery programs**. The [*relief nurseries*]
4 **Relief Nursery programs** shall[:]

5 “[*(a)*] be consistent with the voluntary early learning system overseen by
6 the Early Learning Council[; *and*].

7 “[*(b)* *Involve the parents of children served by the relief nurseries.*]

8 “[*(2)* *Programs at the relief nurseries shall include:*]

9 “[*(a)* *Therapeutic early childhood education programs; and*]

10 “[*(b)* *Parent education, training and support.*]

11 “**(3) Relief Nursery programs shall participate in a statewide inde-**
12 **pendent evaluation conducted by the Oregon Association of Relief**
13 **Nurseries to document improved child safety, reduction in foster care**
14 **placements, progress in healthy child development and improvement**
15 **in family functioning and support.**

16 “[*(3)*] **(4) Each [*relief nursery*] Relief Nursery program** that receives
17 state funding shall have financial support from the community that, **ex-**
18 **cluding any amounts distributed to the Relief Nursery program pur-**
19 **suant to ORS 131A.360 (4)(d) and 131A.365 (3)(d), is at least equal to 25**
20 **percent of any state allocation.”.**

21 Delete line 31 and insert “Relief Nursery programs as defined in section
22 1 of this 2017 Act.”.

23 On page 4, delete line 39 and insert “Relief Nursery programs as defined
24 in section 1 of this 2017 Act.”.

25 On page 5, after line 44, insert:

26 “**SECTION 6. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate**
27 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**
28 **declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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