

Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD AND FAMILY SUPPORTS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 3067**

1 Delete lines 4 through 11 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. The Legislative Assembly finds that:**

3 **“(1) Many individuals and families experience life circumstances**
4 **that necessitate court involvement and visits to local governmental**
5 **offices, including but not limited to juvenile dependency and delin-**
6 **quency proceedings, domestic relations cases, protective proceedings**
7 **related to domestic abuse or violence, child protection proceedings,**
8 **meetings with probation officers and visits to local governmental of-**
9 **fices to transact governmental business.**

10 **“(2) Often individuals and families in such matters are responsible**
11 **for the care of young children and obtaining child care can distract**
12 **from, if not present obstacles or barriers to, effective and complete**
13 **participation in court proceedings or dealing with important govern-**
14 **mental matters.**

15 **“(3) Individuals and families in court-related matters also need and**
16 **would benefit from the availability of a clearinghouse for information**
17 **and resource referrals relating to family support services within the**
18 **local community.**

19 **“(4) The availability of programs to provide quality child care and**
20 **serve as a clearinghouse for information and resource referrals in fa-**
21 **cilities located in or near courthouses and governmental offices would**

1 benefit individuals and families with court-related matters and gov-
2 ernmental business to transact and would ensure that individuals and
3 families with children are able to participate fully in court and gov-
4 ernmental processes in this state.

5 **“SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

6 **“(a) ‘Child care’ means care and supervision provided to a child**
7 **between six weeks and 10 years of age on behalf of a person with re-**
8 **sponsibility for the child.**

9 **“(b) ‘CourtCare program’ means a program that provides child care**
10 **and serves as a clearinghouse for information and resource referrals**
11 **for individuals and families with court-related matters or govern-**
12 **mental business in or near a county courthouse or courthouse com-**
13 **plex.**

14 **“(2) Marion and Polk Counties may establish one or more CourtCare**
15 **programs as pilot programs to provide quality child care to individuals**
16 **and families who are:**

17 **“(a) Participating in or serving as jurors in court proceedings at the**
18 **local courthouse; or**

19 **“(b) Transacting business at a local governmental office in or near**
20 **a county courthouse or courthouse complex.**

21 **“(3) A CourtCare program established under subsection (2) of this**
22 **section must also serve as a clearinghouse for information and re-**
23 **source referrals relating to family support services that are available**
24 **to individuals and families in the local community, including but not**
25 **limited to housing, emergency services, early learning programs, par-**
26 **ent education, public health, relief nurseries, health insurance, be-**
27 **havioral health services, legal assistance, screening and referral**
28 **services for developmental health and referrals to community organ-**
29 **ization as appropriate.**

30 **“(4) A CourtCare program established under subsection (2) of this**

1 section must ensure that:

2 “(a) Children receive quality child care and are in a safe and
3 nurturing environment while their caretakers are participating in
4 court proceedings or transacting local governmental business;

5 “(b) Staff at the CourtCare program site are able to provide infor-
6 mation and make referrals to appropriate local area resources; and

7 “(c) Court and local governmental business continues without in-
8 terruption or distraction from children cared for in the CourtCare
9 program.

10 “(5) If Marion or Polk County establishes a CourtCare program
11 under this section, the county shall ensure that:

12 “(a) Volunteers, employees and staff at the CourtCare program are
13 enrolled in the Central Background Registry under ORS 329A.030; and

14 “(b) The CourtCare program is either certified under ORS 329A.280
15 or registered under ORS 329A.330 by the Office of Child Care or is ex-
16 empt from the requirements for certification or registration under
17 ORS 329A.250.

18 “(6) If Marion or Polk County establishes a CourtCare program
19 under this section, the county shall enter into an agreement with a
20 nonprofit or nongovernmental entity to implement and administer the
21 CourtCare program. At a minimum, the contract must require that
22 the nonprofit or nongovernmental entity report to the county on an
23 annual basis regarding outcomes and objectives that include, but are
24 not limited to:

25 “(a) The number of individuals and families utilizing the CourtCare
26 program;

27 “(b) The type of services provided to individuals and families that
28 utilized the CourtCare program;

29 “(c) Unmet needs and barriers to the provision of services in the
30 CourtCare program;

