

SB 905 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires child who is voluntarily placed in foster care to be resident of school district where child is placed, as specified. Requires public and private placement agencies to collaborate with school district. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

Moving to Senate Committee on Rules without recommendation.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2017, 7,831 Oregon children were in foster care on an average daily basis. A child may enter foster care through involuntarily or voluntary placements. Oregon law provides that children with involuntary placements should attend their original school unless enrolling in another school district is in the best interest of the child. In cases of voluntary placements, Oregon law is silent on where the child should go to school. Senate Bill 905 requires children who are voluntarily placed in foster care to enroll in the school district where they reside if their placement agreement provides that they are no longer residents of their original school district.