

Senate Bill 1043

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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 Human Services to provide reimbursements for transportation expenses incurred on behalf of foster child if expenses are related to child's continuing participation in extracurricular activities child engaged in prior to child's placement in foster home or child-caring agency.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to expenses of foster children; amending ORS 418.647.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 418.647 is amended to read:

418.647. (1) With respect to any period for which federal funds are made available to this state in aid of a state-administered program of aid to any child defined in and meeting the requirements of this section, the Department of Human Services may provide foster care payments in behalf of a child in the foster home of any individual or in a child-caring agency who:

(a) Is a needy child meeting the requirements of ORS 412.001 (3)(b)(A) or (B) who has been deprived of parental support or care by reason of the continued absence from the home, the physical or mental incapacity or the unemployment or underemployment of a parent or parents;

(b) Would meet the requirements of ORS 412.006 except for the removal of the child from the home of a caretaker relative as a result of a judicial determination to the effect that continuation therein would be contrary to the welfare of such child;

(c) Has been accepted for placement and care by the department;

(d) Has been placed in a foster home or child-caring agency as a result of such determination; and

(e) Received aid in or for the month in which court proceedings leading to such determination were initiated, or would have received such aid in or for such month if application had been made therefor, or in the case of a child who had been living with a caretaker relative as defined in ORS 412.001 within six months prior to the month in which such proceedings were initiated, would have received such aid in or for such month if in such month the child had been living with and removed from the home of such a relative and application had been made therefor.

(2) In addition to the foster care payments made in behalf of a child under subsection (1) of this section, the department shall provide reimbursements in behalf of a child in a foster home or in a child-caring agency for transportation expenses incurred on the child's behalf if the transportation expenses are related to the child's continuing participation in extracurricular activities that the child participated in prior to the child's placement in the foster home or child-caring agency.

[~~2~~] (3) As used in this section:

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.

1 (a) "Child-caring agency" has the meaning given that term in ORS 418.205.

2 (b) "Foster home" means a foster home that is certified by this state or that has been approved,
3 by the agency of this state responsible for the certification of foster homes, as meeting the standards
4 established for such certification.

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