

Senate Bill 745

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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 conduct annual in-person case planning with ward 14 years of age or older during which department informs ward that ward is eligible for transition services and provides ward with assistance in applying for transition services, if applicable.

Directs department to submit annual report on data relating to transition services for wards. Directs department to submit initial report no later than September 15, 2020.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department for provision of transition services to wards.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to transition services; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 419B.343.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 419B.343 is amended to read:

5 419B.343. (1) To ensure effective planning for wards, the Department of Human Services shall
6 take into consideration recommendations and information provided by the committing court before
7 placement in any facility. The department shall ensure that the case planning in any case:

8 (a) For the reunification of the family bears a rational relationship to the jurisdictional findings
9 that brought the ward within the court's jurisdiction under ORS 419B.100;

10 (b) Incorporates the perspective of the ward and the family and, whenever possible, allows the
11 family to assist in designing its own service programs, based on an assessment of the family's needs
12 and the family's solutions and resources for change; and

13 (c) Is integrated with other agencies in cooperation with the caseworkers.

14 (2) Except in cases when the plan is something other than to reunify the family, the department
15 shall include in the case plan:

16 (a) Appropriate services to allow the parent the opportunity to adjust the parent's circum-
17 stances, conduct or conditions to make it possible for the ward to safely return home within a rea-
18 sonable time; and

19 (b) A concurrent permanent plan to be implemented if the parent is unable or unwilling to adjust
20 the parent's circumstances, conduct or conditions in such a way as to make it possible for the ward
21 to safely return home within a reasonable time.

22 (3) For [a] **every** ward 14 years of age or older, the department shall ensure that:

23 (a) Case planning for the ward addresses the ward's needs and goals for a transition to suc-
24 cessful adulthood, including needs and goals related to housing, physical and mental health, educa-
25 tion, employment, community connections and supportive relationships; [and]

26 **(b) Case planning for the ward includes annual in-person meetings with the ward during**
27 **which the department informs the ward that the ward is eligible for transition services and**

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 **provides the ward with assistance in applying for transition services, if applicable; and**

2 [(b)] (c) The ward's case plan includes a document that describes the rights of the ward as
3 specified in ORS 418.201 and a signed acknowledgment by the ward that the ward has been provided
4 with a copy of the document and that rights contained in the document have been explained to the
5 ward in an age-appropriate manner.

6 (4) The case plan for a ward in substitute care must include the health and education records
7 of the ward, including the most recent information available regarding:

8 (a) The names and addresses of the ward's health and education providers;

9 (b) The grade level of the ward's academic performance;

10 (c) The ward's school record;

11 (d) Whether the ward's placement takes into account proximity to the school in which the ward
12 is enrolled at the time of placement;

13 (e) The ward's immunizations;

14 (f) Any known medical problems of the ward;

15 (g) The ward's medications; and

16 (h) Any other relevant health and education information concerning the ward that the depart-
17 ment determines is appropriate to include in the records.

18 **SECTION 2. No later than September 15 of each year, the Department of Human Services**
19 **shall submit a report to the appropriate committee or interim committee of the Legislative**
20 **Assembly with the prior fiscal year's data regarding the following:**

21 (1) **The number of wards who were eligible for transition services under ORS 419B.343;**

22 (2) **The number of wards who applied for transition services;**

23 (3) **The number of wards who were eligible for transition services but did not apply; and**

24 (4) **The department's efforts to conduct outreach to wards to inform them of the avail-**
25 **ability and purpose of transition services.**

26 **SECTION 3. There is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the**
27 **biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$8,500,000 for the**
28 **purpose of providing transition services to wards, as defined in ORS 419A.004.**

29 **SECTION 4. The initial report described in section 2 of this 2019 Act is due no later than**
30 **September 15, 2020.**

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