

## SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 279

By COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY

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1 Delete lines 4 through 12 of the printed bill and insert:

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

3 **“(a) ‘Foster care’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 339.133.**

4 **“(b) ‘Visitation’ does not include medical appointments, court appearances or interviews**  
5 **with law enforcement or the Department of Human Services.**

6 **“(2) When scheduling visitations for a child in foster care, the department must, to the**  
7 **extent practicable, schedule the visitations at times and places that do not require the child**  
8 **to miss part or all of a school day.**

9 **“(3) If a child in foster care misses part or all of more than four school days in a se-**  
10 **mester due to visitations scheduled by the department, the child’s caseworker shall ensure**  
11 **that the department’s records regarding the child indicate the number of school days the**  
12 **child missed during that semester.**

13 **“SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, ‘foster care’ and ‘visitation’ have the meanings**  
14 **given those terms in section 1 of this 2021 Act.**

15 **“(2) The Department of Human Services shall collect data regarding school days missed**  
16 **by children in foster care due to visitations scheduled by the department and report that**  
17 **data to the appropriate committees or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly at the**  
18 **conclusion of each semester during the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years. The reports**  
19 **must describe:**

20 **“(a) The number, age and grade of children in foster care who missed part or all of at**  
21 **least five but not more than six school days due to visitations scheduled by the department.**

22 **“(b) The number, age and grade of children in foster care who missed part or all of at**  
23 **least seven but not more than eight school days due to visitations scheduled by the depart-**  
24 **ment.**

25 **“(c) The number, age and grade of children in foster care who missed part or all of at**  
26 **least nine but not more than 10 school days due to visitations scheduled by the department.**

27 **“(d) The number, age and grade of children in foster care who missed part or all of at**  
28 **least 11 but not more than 15 school days due to visitations scheduled by the department.**

29 **“(e) The number, age and grade of children in foster care who missed part or all of more**  
30 **than 15 school days due to visitations scheduled by the department.**

31 **“(f) The most common reasons given for why it was not practicable to schedule the**  
32 **visitations outside of school hours.**

33 **“(3) Not later than September 1, 2022, the Department of Human Services shall provide**  
34 **a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly regarding human services**  
35 **with information regarding the school days missed by children in foster care during the**

1 2021-2022 school year due to visitations scheduled by the department. The report must in-  
2 clude information about any initiatives the department plans to implement to address school  
3 absences during the 2022-2023 school year. The report may also include recommendations  
4 regarding policy initiatives to support the department’s efforts to improve school attendance  
5 and the educational success of children in foster care and, if applicable, budgetary resources  
6 necessary to implement the recommendations.

7 “SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 1, 2024.

8 “SECTION 4. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
9 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect  
10 on its passage.”.

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