

Requested by Senator GELSER

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 279**

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 ap-**
5 **pearances or interviews with law enforcement or the Department of**
6 **Human Services.**

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

11 **“(3) If a child in foster care misses part or all of more than four**
12 **school days in a semester due to visitations scheduled by the depart-**
13 **ment, the child’s caseworker shall ensure that the department’s re-**
14 **ords regarding the child indicate the number of school days the child**
15 **missed during that semester.**

16 **“SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, ‘foster care’ and**
17 **‘visitation’ have the meanings given those terms in section 1 of this**
18 **2021 Act.**

19 **“(2) The Department of Human Services shall collect data regarding**
20 **school days missed by children in foster care due to visitations sched-**
21 **uled by the department and report that data to the appropriate com-**

1 mittees or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly at the
2 conclusion of each semester during the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school
3 years. The reports must describe:

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

7 “(b) The number, age and grade of children in foster care who
8 missed part or all of at least seven but not more than eight school
9 days due to visitations scheduled by the department.

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

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

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

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

21 “(3) Not later than September 1, 2022, the Department of Human
22 Services shall provide a report to the interim committees of the Leg-
23 islative Assembly regarding human services with information regard-
24 ing the school days missed by children in foster care during the
25 2021-2022 school year due to visitations scheduled by the department.
26 The report must include information about any initiatives the depart-
27 ment plans to implement to address school absences during the
28 2022-2023 school year. The report may also include recommendations
29 regarding policy initiatives to support the department’s efforts to im-
30 prove school attendance and the educational success of children in

1 foster care and, if applicable, budgetary resources necessary to imple-
2 ment the recommendations.

3 **“SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 1,**
4 **2024.**

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

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