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Title: SB 85A, Child Welfare: Qualified Residential Treatment Program Technical Fix Bill

Concept:

[Senate Bill \(SB\) 85A](#) proposes several technical fixes to congregate care placement settings including Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTP).

Proposed changes with SB 85A:

- Adjustment to work requirements for providers to allow for respite.
- Alignment of intensive behavioral support services staffing ratios along with Behavioral Rehabilitation Services delivery based on individualized need in QRTP settings outside of Oregon.
- Exception to transportation requirements for minors related to health and safety.
- Clarify expectations for qualifications of nurses with relation to care for children and youth in a QRTP placement.
- Update current requirements to encourage proactive reporting on sexual orientation of youth by the Department.
- Promote support of young adults in non-Child Caring Agency settings to achieve independence.
- Require two reports on information related to temporary lodging as a result of length of stay requirements related to non-QRTP settings.

History:

A QRTP program provides residential care and treatment to a child who requires specialized, evidence-based, supports and services related to the effects of trauma or mental, emotional or behavioral health needs. Despite the new classification, QRTPs are not new programs, rather the term signifies enhanced standards to existing specific BRS providers.

In 2019, the Oregon Legislature set parameters for the use of QRTPs with SB 171 and made updates to those parameters with SB 1605 in the 2020 First Special Session. The intent was to align state and federal law related to the Family First Prevention Services Act. During implementation and the rulemaking process it was realized further clarification was needed.

Impact if not passed:

Failure to clarify expectations is likely to reduce success in compliance.

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