A BILL FOR AN ACT
Relating to just culture model in the provision of services to children in care; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. The System of Care Advisory Council shall study the application of a just culture model in the investigative processes of child-caring agencies. The council shall submit reports of its findings in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation to implement any policy initiatives resulting from the study, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to human services. The first report is due no later than December 1, 2023, and the second report is due no later than September 15, 2024.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:
(a) “Children in care” means one or more child in care, as defined in ORS 418.257.
(b) “Just culture model” means a culture where a person is not punished for actions, omissions, suggestions or decisions taken by the person that are commensurate with the person’s experience and training, but where gross negligence, willful violations and destructive acts are not tolerated.

(2) The System of Care Advisory Council shall establish and administer a grant program for the purpose of providing just culture model training to Department of Human Services employees who conduct investigations under ORS 418.257 to 418.259, staff working in a child-caring agency, as defined in ORS 418.205, and behavioral health care providers who work with children in care. Grants under this section may be used for initial training as
well as ongoing training and supervision.

SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section, “children in care” means one or more child in
care, as defined in ORS 418.257.

(2) The System of Care Advisory Council shall establish and administer a grant program
for the purpose of providing grants for training regarding trauma-informed practices and
clinical best practices to the workforce providing residential services to children in care.

SECTION 4. (1) The System of Care Advisory Council Training Fund is established in the
State Treasury separate and distinct from the General Fund. The fund shall consist of all
moneys placed in the fund as provided by law.

(2) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority to:

(a) Provide moneys for the grant programs described in sections 2 and 3 of this 2023 Act;

and

(b) Pay the costs of administering the grant programs described in sections 2 and 3 of
this 2023 Act.

(3) The authority may accept gifts, grants or contributions from any public or private
source for deposit into the fund.

SECTION 5. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
ated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the
General Fund, the amount of $___, for deposit in the System of Care Advisory Council
Training Fund established under section 4 of this 2023 Act, for the purpose of carrying out
the provisions of section 2 of this 2023 Act.

SECTION 6. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
ated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the
General Fund, the amount of $___, for deposit in the System of Care Advisory Council
Training Fund established under section 4 of this 2023 Act, for the purpose of carrying out
the provisions of section 3 of this 2023 Act.

SECTION 7. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.

SECTION 8. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect
on its passage.

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