SENATE AMENDMENTS TO
A-ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 1579
By JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
March 7

Delete pages 3 through 6 of the printed A-engrossed bill and insert:

“CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTER ONE-TIME GRANTS

SECTION 4. (1) As used in this section:

“(a) ‘Children’s advocacy center’ means a facility that meets the facility standards described in ORS 418.788, to which a child from the community may be referred to receive a thorough child abuse assessment, as defined in ORS 418.782, for the purpose of determining whether the child has been abused or neglected, and that facilitates a coordinated, comprehensive and multidisciplinary response to cases of child abuse.

“(b) ‘Regional children's advocacy center’ means a facility operated by a children’s advocacy center that meets the facility standards described in ORS 418.788 and is selected by the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program to provide training and complex case assistance, including one or more of the following:

“(A) Consultation;

“(B) Education;

“(C) Referral;

“(D) Technical assistance; and

“(E) If authorized by the Department of Justice, other services as needed.

“(2) The Department of Justice shall develop and administer a one-time noncompetitive grant program to expand access to services and supports provided by children’s advocacy centers and regional children’s advocacy centers and to increase the number of children served by children’s advocacy centers and regional children's advocacy centers in this state.

“(3)(a) The department shall distribute 50 percent of the amounts available for the grant program, in equal shares to each children's advocacy center that is providing services in this state on the effective date of this 2024 Act.

“(b) If the department is unable to distribute one or more children's advocacy center share or portion of a share under this subsection and amounts remain undistributed on June 30, 2025, the department shall distribute the undistributed amounts to Oregon Child Abuse Solutions for the purpose of providing or coordinating the provision of assistance to children's advocacy centers seeking accreditation with the National Children's Alliance.

“(4) The department shall distribute the remaining 50 percent of amounts available for the grant program as provided in subsection (5) of this section.

“(5) The department shall adopt rules for distributing the remaining 50 percent of amounts available for the grant program. The rules must, at a minimum:
“(a) Require that an applicant certify that on or before June 30, 2025, the applicant will be accredited by the National Children’s Alliance or will have an application for accreditation with the National Children’s Alliance pending.

“(b) Require children’s advocacy centers to apply directly for the grants.

“(c) Allow a health care provider or a medical facility to apply for a grant to expand medical assessment services, intervention services and any other services and supports not inconsistent with the purposes of ORS 418.746 to 418.796, if:

“(A) The health care provider or medical facility is connected through a linkage agreement or contract with a children’s advocacy center; and

“(B) The children’s advocacy center satisfies the accreditation requirements described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

“(d) Permit the department, when determining the amounts of grants awarded under this subsection, to consider:

“(A) The applicant’s capability to expand access to or maintain a children’s advocacy center in an underserved community;

“(B) The applicant’s capability to expand access of a children’s advocacy center to a geographic area of this state with no children’s advocacy centers;

“(C) The likelihood that the applicant, if awarded a grant, will expand access to children’s advocacy center services and supports to children from historically marginalized and underserved communities;

“(D) If awarded a grant, the ability of the existing or proposed children’s advocacy center to provide behavioral and mental health services for victims of child abuse;

“(E) The applicant’s capability to provide services to drug endangered children; and

“(F) The applicant’s capability to provide services to children who have been trafficked.

“(e) Allow grant recipients to use the grants:

“(A) To expand access to designated medical professionals, as described in ORS 418.747 (9); and

“(B) For costs associated with obtaining accreditation from the National Children’s Alliance, including application fees and support staff expenses.

“(f) Require applicants to demonstrate how the grant award would allow for initial consultation with a designated medical professional, as defined in ORS 419B.023, within 48 hours in accordance with Karly’s Law and would improve response times for intervention following incidents of child abuse and the prevention of child fatalities.

“(g) Provide that the total amount distributed to a given children’s advocacy center under this section may not exceed $300,000, calculated based on the total of:

“(A) Amounts distributed to the children’s advocacy center under subsection (3) of this section; and

“(B) Amounts awarded to the children’s advocacy center under this subsection, including the amounts of any grants awarded as permitted under paragraph (e) of this subsection to a health care provider or medical facility that is connected with the children’s advocacy center.

“(6) The department shall award and distribute all of the amounts available for grants under this section no later than June 30, 2025.

“SECTION 5. (1) The Children’s Advocacy Center One-Time Grant Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The Children’s Advocacy
Center One-Time Grant Fund consists of moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise. Interest earned by the fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Justice for carrying out the purposes of section 4 of this 2024 Act.

“(2) The department may use moneys in the fund to pay the administrative costs associated with the fund and with administering the grant program under section 4 of this 2024 Act.

“APPROPRIATION

“SECTION 6. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of Justice, for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of $7,000,000, for deposit in the Children’s Advocacy Center One-Time Grant Fund established under section 5 of this 2024 Act.

“SECTION 7. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of $7,000,000 is established for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts, but excluding lottery funds and other federal funds, collected or received by the Department of Justice, for the Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division, for the Children’s Advocacy Center One-Time Grant Fund established by section 5 of this 2024 Act, for the grants and grant program administrative costs under section 4 of this 2024 Act.

“MISCELLANEOUS

“SECTION 8. Sections 4 and 5 of this 2024 Act are repealed on January 2, 2026.

“SECTION 9. The unit captions used in this 2024 Act are provided only for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent in the enactment of this 2024 Act.

“SECTION 10. This 2024 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2024 Act takes effect on its passage.”