SENATE AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 1579

By COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

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On page 2 of the printed bill, line 2, after “and” insert “, if needed,”.

Delete lines 44 and 45.

On page 3, delete lines 1 through 41 and insert:

“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 competitive 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) The department shall adopt rules for carrying out the grant program under this section. The rules must, at a minimum:

“(a) Require that an applicant must be accredited by the National Children’s Alliance or have an application for accreditation with the National Children's Alliance pending at the time the applicant submits its grant application.

“(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 meets the accreditation criteria under paragraph (a) of this subsection.
“(d) Provide preference for awarding grants to applicants based on:

“(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; and

“(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) Allow grant recipients to use the grants to expand access to designated medical professionals, as described in ORS 418.747 (9).

“(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 cumulative amount of grants provided from the grant program described in this section to a given children’s advocacy center, 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, may not exceed $1,000,000.

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

In line 45, after the period insert “Interest earned by the fund shall be credited to the fund.”.

On page 4, line 1, delete “Human Services” and insert “Justice”.

In line 5, after the period delete the rest of the line and delete lines 6 and 7.

In line 13, delete “11” and insert “13”.

In line 21, delete “seven” and insert “eight”.

Delete line 31.

In line 32, delete the period and insert “; and”.

“(H) One member who is a representative of the Oregon District Attorneys Association.

“(d) The Attorney General shall appoint one member who represents the Department of Justice.”.

On page 5, after line 10, insert:

“(e) Identifying challenges for drug-endangered children and proposing solutions to expand services for those children.”.

In line 23, after “than” delete the rest of the line and insert “December 3, 2024.”.

In line 24, delete “Human Services” and insert “Justice”.

In line 42, delete “Human Services” and insert “Justice”.

On page 6, line 1, delete “Human Services” and insert “Justice”.

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