

Requested by JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
A-ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 1579**

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

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3 **“CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTER ONE-TIME GRANTS**

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

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

13 **“(b) ‘Regional children’s advocacy center’ means a facility operated**  
14 **by a children’s advocacy center that meets the facility standards de-**  
15 **scribed in ORS 418.788 and is selected by the Child Abuse Multidisci-**  
16 **plinary Intervention Program to provide training and complex case**  
17 **assistance, including one or more of the following:**

18 **“(A) Consultation;**

19 **“(B) Education;**

20 **“(C) Referral;**

21 **“(D) Technical assistance; and**

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

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

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

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

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

23       **“(5) The department shall adopt rules for distributing the remaining**  
24 **50 percent of amounts available for the grant program. The rules**  
25 **must, at a minimum:**

26       **“(a) Require that an applicant certify that on or before June 30,**  
27 **2025, the applicant will be accredited by the National Children’s Alli-**  
28 **ance or will have an application for accreditation with the National**  
29 **Children’s Alliance pending.**

30       **“(b) Require children’s advocacy centers to apply directly for the**

1 grants.

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

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

9 “(B) The children’s advocacy center satisfies the accreditation re-  
10 quirements described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

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

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

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

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

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

24 “(E) The applicant’s capability to provide services to drug endan-  
25 gered children; and

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

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

29 “(A) To expand access to designated medical professionals, as de-  
30 scribed in ORS 418.747 (9); and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28       **“(2) The department may use moneys in the fund to pay the ad-**  
29 **ministrative costs associated with the fund and with administering the**  
30 **grant program under section 4 of this 2024 Act.**

