

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2202

By COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 10 through 29 and page 2 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. Sections 2, 3 and 5 of this 2005 Act are added to and made a part of ORS**
3 **417.705 to 417.797.**

4 **“SECTION 2. (1) The State Commission on Children and Families is responsible for co-**
5 **ordinating statewide planning for delivery of services to runaway and homeless youth and**
6 **their families.**

7 **“(2) The State Commission on Children and Families shall lead a process that will allow**
8 **the state commission, the Juvenile Crime Prevention Advisory Committee, the Employment**
9 **Department, the Department of Human Services, the Housing and Community Services De-**
10 **partment, the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, the Depart-**
11 **ment of Education and the Oregon Youth Authority to develop a comprehensive and**
12 **coordinated approach for services and support for runaway and homeless youth and their**
13 **families. The approach shall include an assessment of service needs, the integration of ex-**
14 **isting services and the identification and tracking of a statewide high-level outcome related**
15 **to runaway and homeless youth and their families.**

16 **“(3) Through the process, the agencies and other persons and entities involved in the**
17 **process shall:**

18 **“(a) Recommend funding mechanisms, financial resources and policy changes that will**
19 **support a continuum of services and that will ensure integration of services among state**
20 **agencies that provide services to runaway and homeless youth and their families;**

21 **“(b) Identify means of service delivery that are culturally competent, gender specific and**
22 **evidence based and that reflect differences in approaches for urban and rural runaway and**
23 **homeless youth and their families;**

24 **“(c) Develop urban and rural demonstration sites to test effective service delivery models**
25 **for the urban and rural populations;**

26 **“(d) Recommend policies and services that specifically address the needs and responsi-**
27 **bilities of parents of runaway and homeless youth;**

28 **“(e) Review existing state laws regarding parental accountability to determine recom-**
29 **ended enforcement levels and examine new strategies to encourage parents to be ac-**
30 **countable for positive development of their children; and**

31 **“(f) Recommend policies that integrate a system of services for runaway and homeless**
32 **youth into the state’s continuum of care for children who are 0 through 18 years of age.**

33 **“(4) In addition to the state agencies listed in subsection (2) of this section, the state**
34 **commission shall include representatives of youth, nonprofit organizations and statewide**
35 **coalitions related to runaway and homeless youth services and supports in the joint process**

1 described in subsection (2) of this section.

2 **“SECTION 3.** The State Commission on Children and Families shall coordinate the col-
3 lection of data, provision of technical assistance to communities for assessing the needs of
4 runaway and homeless youth, and identification and promotion of the best practices for
5 service delivery, and shall recommend long term goals to identify and address the underlying
6 causes of homelessness of youth.

7 **“SECTION 4.** The joint process described in section 2 of this 2005 Act shall be completed
8 no later than January 1, 2007. Prior to January 1, 2007, the State Commission on Children
9 and Families shall report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
10 President of the Senate and the interim legislative committees on children and families on
11 the recommendations developed through the joint process under section 2 of this 2005 Act.

12 **“SECTION 5.** Local commissions on children and families shall consider the needs, re-
13 sources and support for runaway and homeless youth and their families as part of the de-
14 velopment of local coordinated comprehensive plans. As part of this process, local
15 commissions shall provide information to the State Commission on Children and Families on
16 the barriers to local implementation of care and services to runaway and homeless youth and
17 their families that result from existing state level policies.

18 **“SECTION 6.** This 2005 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
19 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2005 Act takes effect
20 on its passage.”.

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