

House Bill 2202

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs State Commission on Children and Families to work with certain state agencies and advisory committees to develop state policy regarding runaway and homeless youth and their families. Requires that policy be developed by January 1, 2007, and that report to legislature on implementation of policy be made prior to February 1, 2009.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to State Commission on Children and Families; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas Oregon lacks a comprehensive policy for systematically addressing the issues and
4 needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families; and

5 Whereas communities have few options to hold families of runaway and homeless youth ac-
6 countable; and

7 Whereas significant gaps exist in the availability and coordination of services for runaway and
8 homeless youth; now, therefore,

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

10 **SECTION 1. (1) The State Commission on Children and Families is responsible for coor-**
11 **inating statewide planning for delivery of services to runaway and homeless youth and their**
12 **families.**

13 **(2) The State Commission on Children and Families shall establish a process that will**
14 **allow the commission, the Juvenile Crime Prevention Advisory Committee, the Employment**
15 **Department, the Department of Human Services, the Housing and Community Services De-**
16 **partment, the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development and the**
17 **Oregon Youth Authority to develop and implement a comprehensive state policy that estab-**
18 **lishes a long term strategy to provide needed services and support for runaway and homeless**
19 **youth and their families.**

20 **(3) The comprehensive state policy shall include:**

21 **(a) A plan for the provision of adequate and appropriate services, treatment and com-**
22 **munity support for runaway and homeless youth. Services and treatment shall be based on**
23 **a youth's family stability, level of family violence, school attendance, mental health, sub-**
24 **stance abuse, housing, employment, need for adult supervision and any other appropriate**
25 **factors;**

26 **(b) Recommendations on funding mechanisms, financial resources and fiscal policy**
27 **changes that will support a continuum of services and that will ensure integrated services**
28 **among state agencies that provide services to runaway and homeless youth and their fami-**
29 **lies;**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (c) Identification of culturally competent, gender specific, evidence based means of ser-
2 vice delivery that reflect differences in approaches for urban and rural runaway and
3 homeless youth and their families;

4 (d) Development, subject to available funds, of urban and rural demonstration sites to
5 test effective service delivery models for the urban or rural population; and

6 (e) Recommendations on policies and services that specifically address the needs and re-
7 sponsibilities of parents of runaway and homeless youth. The policy shall include a review
8 of existing state laws regarding parental accountability to determine recommended enforce-
9 ment levels and an examination of new strategies to encourage parents to be accountable for
10 positive development of their children.

11 **SECTION 2.** The State Commission on Children and Families shall, subject to available
12 funding, coordinate the collection of data, provision of technical assistance to communities
13 for assessing the needs of runaway and homeless youth, and identification and promotion of
14 best practices for service delivery and shall recommend long term goals to identify and ad-
15 dress the underlying causes of homelessness among youth.

16 **SECTION 3.** (1) The state policy described in section 1 of this 2005 Act shall be developed
17 no later than January 1, 2007. A copy of the policy shall be provided to the Governor, the
18 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate.

19 (2) A report on implementation of the policy shall be presented to the Seventy-fifth Leg-
20 islative Assembly before February 1, 2009.

21 **SECTION 4.** This 2005 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
22 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2005 Act takes effect
23 on its passage.
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