

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 314

By COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 3, delete “and” and after “2013” insert “; and declaring an
2 emergency”.

3 Delete lines 5 through 28 and delete page 2.

4 On page 3, delete lines 1 through 5 and insert:

5 **“SECTION 1. As used in this section and ORS 417.788:**

6 **“(1) ‘At risk’ means likely to enter foster care due to multiple risk factors, including but
7 not limited to:**

8 **“(a) Living in a household that is at or near poverty, as determined under federal poverty
9 guidelines;**

10 **“(b) Living in inadequate or unsafe housing;**

11 **“(c) Having inadequate nutrition;**

12 **“(d) Living in a household where there is significant or documented domestic conflict,
13 disruption or violence;**

14 **“(e) Having a parent who suffers from mental illness, who engages in substance abuse
15 or who experiences a developmental disability or an intellectual disability;**

16 **“(f) Living in circumstances under which there is neglectful or abusive caregiving;**

17 **“(g) Having unmet health care and medical treatment needs; or**

18 **“(h) Having a racial or ethnic minority status that is historically consistent with dis-
19 proportionate overrepresentation in academic achievement gaps or in the system of child
20 welfare, foster care or juvenile or adult corrections.**

21 **“(2) ‘Relief Nursery program’ means a program that:**

22 **“(a) Provides services to families with at-risk children who are zero through five years
23 of age, where the participation and progress of each child and family are tracked and re-
24 ported through a database that is created and maintained by the Oregon Association of Relief
25 Nurseries;**

26 **“(b) Is community based and implemented by a nongovernmental entity;**

27 **“(c) Is exempt from income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and**

28 **“(d) Maintains or exceeds the minimum therapeutic program services necessary for cer-
29 tification by the Oregon Association of Relief Nurseries, including but not limited to
30 therapeutic early childhood programs, home visiting and parent education, support and out-
31 reach.**

32 **“SECTION 2. ORS 417.788 is amended to read:**

33 **“417.788. (1) The Early Learning Division shall support [*relief nurseries*] Relief Nursery pro-
34 grams statewide as funding becomes available. Relief Nursery programs must be certified by the
35 Oregon Association of Relief Nurseries. Funding to support certified Relief Nursery programs**

1 **may include, but is not limited to:**

2 **“(a) Administrative costs;**

3 **“(b) Costs for direct service personnel, equipment, supplies and operating expenses;**

4 **“(c) Start-up costs;**

5 **“(d) Classroom furniture and materials;**

6 **“(e) Playground equipment;**

7 **“(f) Computers; and**

8 **“(g) Transportation vehicles.**

9 **“(2) The division may encourage communities to establish [relief nurseries] Relief Nursery**
10 **programs for young children who are at risk and their families. [Adjoining counties] Communities**
11 **may choose to establish regional [relief nurseries] Relief Nursery programs. The [relief nurseries]**
12 **Relief Nursery programs shall[.]**

13 **“[(a)] be consistent with the voluntary early learning system overseen by the Early Learning**
14 **Council[; and].**

15 **“[(b) Involve the parents of children served by the relief nurseries.]**

16 **“[(2) Programs at the relief nurseries shall include:]**

17 **“[(a) Therapeutic early childhood education programs; and]**

18 **“[(b) Parent education, training and support.]**

19 **“(3) Relief Nursery programs shall participate in a statewide independent evaluation**
20 **conducted by the Oregon Association of Relief Nurseries to document improved child safety,**
21 **reduction in foster care placements, progress in healthy child development and improvement**
22 **in family functioning and support.**

23 **“[(3)] (4) Each [relief nursery] Relief Nursery program that receives state funding shall have**
24 **financial support from the community that, excluding any amounts distributed to the Relief**
25 **Nursery program pursuant to ORS 131A.360 (4)(d) and 131A.365 (3)(d), is at least equal to 25**
26 **percent of any state allocation.”.**

27 Delete line 31 and insert “Relief Nursery programs as defined in section 1 of this 2017 Act.”.

28 On page 4, delete line 39 and insert “Relief Nursery programs as defined in section 1 of this 2017
29 Act.”.

30 On page 5, after line 44, insert:

31 **“SECTION 6. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
32 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**
33 **on its passage.”.**