

# Senate Bill 1516

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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 Department of Human Services to convene work group to develop and recommend licensing fees and criminal and civil penalty structure for child-caring agencies, certain foster homes, private residential boarding schools, shelter-care homes and independent residence facilities.

Directs department to report to Legislative Assembly before October 1, 2016.

Sunsets work group on January 2, 2017.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to providers of child care; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Human Services shall convene a work group for the**  
5 **purpose of developing and recommending licensing fees and a criminal and civil penalty**  
6 **structure for child-caring agencies, foster homes, private residential boarding schools,**  
7 **shelter-care homes and independent residence facilities that are licensed or otherwise au-**  
8 **thorized to operate by the department.**

9 **(2) The work group shall consist of:**

10 **(a) Representatives of facilities and other providers of care that operate child-caring**  
11 **agencies, foster homes, private residential boarding schools, shelter-care homes and inde-**  
12 **pendent residence facilities;**

13 **(b) Employees of the department with expertise in the provision of care for children, in**  
14 **the licensing of facilities and other providers of care for children and in the supervision,**  
15 **auditing, investigation, review and monitoring of such facilities and providers; and**

16 **(c) Other stakeholders with an interest in the licensing, supervision and evaluation of**  
17 **child-caring agencies, foster homes, private residential boarding schools, shelter-care homes**  
18 **and independent residence facilities.**

19 **(3) The work group shall:**

20 **(a) Consider the existing structures of licensing fees and penalties that may be imposed**  
21 **upon child-caring agencies, foster homes, private residential boarding schools, shelter-care**  
22 **homes and independent residence facilities and make recommendations for changes to such**  
23 **structures including, but not limited to, amendments to current Oregon statutes that impose**  
24 **licensing fees and criminal or civil penalties;**

25 **(b) Make recommendations for criteria for license issuance or renewal to facilities and**  
26 **other providers of care for children in the department's custody;**

27 **(c) Make recommendations to establish grounds for denial, suspension or revocation of**  
28 **licenses to facilities and other providers of care, and grounds for the imposition of criminal**

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1 or civil penalties; and

2 (d) Make recommendations regarding any other matter relevant to the issuance and re-  
3 newal of licenses to facilities and other providers of care, the denial, suspension or revoca-  
4 tion of such licenses, license fees and the imposition of criminal or civil penalties.

5 (4) The department shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-  
6 lation, to interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to child welfare on or be-  
7 fore October 1, 2016, regarding the work and recommendations of the work group.

8 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2016 Act is repealed on January 2, 2017.

9 SECTION 3. This 2016 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
10 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2016 Act takes effect  
11 on its passage.

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