

Enrolled
House Bill 3067

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD AND FAMILY SUPPORTS

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to family supports; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. The Legislative Assembly finds that:

(1) Many individuals and families experience life circumstances that necessitate court involvement and visits to local governmental offices, including but not limited to juvenile dependency and delinquency proceedings, domestic relations cases, protective proceedings related to domestic abuse or violence, child protection proceedings, meetings with probation officers and visits to local governmental offices to transact governmental business.

(2) Often individuals and families in such matters are responsible for the care of young children and obtaining child care can distract from, if not present obstacles or barriers to, effective and complete participation in court proceedings or dealing with important governmental matters.

(3) Individuals and families in court-related matters also need and would benefit from the availability of a clearinghouse for information and resource referrals relating to family support services within the local community.

(4) The availability of programs to provide quality child care and serve as a clearinghouse for information and resource referrals in facilities located in or near courthouses and governmental offices would benefit individuals and families with court-related matters and governmental business to transact and would ensure that individuals and families with children are able to participate fully in court and governmental processes in this state.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Child care" means care and supervision provided to a child between six weeks and 10 years of age on behalf of a person with responsibility for the child.

(b) "CourtCare program" means a program that provides child care and serves as a clearinghouse for information and resource referrals for individuals and families with court-related matters or governmental business in or near a county courthouse or courthouse complex.

(2) Marion and Polk Counties may establish one or more CourtCare programs as pilot programs to provide quality child care to individuals and families who are:

(a) Participating in or serving as jurors in court proceedings at the local courthouse; or

(b) Transacting business at a local governmental office in or near a county courthouse or courthouse complex.

(3) A CourtCare program established under subsection (2) of this section must also serve as a clearinghouse for information and resource referrals relating to family support services

that are available to individuals and families in the local community, including but not limited to housing, emergency services, early learning programs, parent education, public health, relief nurseries, health insurance, behavioral health services, legal assistance, screening and referral services for developmental health and referrals to community organization as appropriate.

(4) A CourtCare program established under subsection (2) of this section must ensure that:

(a) Children receive quality child care and are in a safe and nurturing environment while their caretakers are participating in court proceedings or transacting local governmental business;

(b) Staff at the CourtCare program site are able to provide information and make referrals to appropriate local area resources; and

(c) Court and local governmental business continues without interruption or distraction from children cared for in the CourtCare program.

(5) If Marion or Polk County establishes a CourtCare program under this section, the county shall ensure that:

(a) Volunteers, employees and staff at the CourtCare program are enrolled in the Central Background Registry under ORS 329A.030; and

(b) The CourtCare program is either certified under ORS 329A.280 or registered under ORS 329A.330 by the Office of Child Care or is exempt from the requirements for certification or registration under ORS 329A.250.

(6) If Marion or Polk County establishes a CourtCare program under this section, the county shall enter into an agreement with a nonprofit or nongovernmental entity to implement and administer the CourtCare program. At a minimum, the contract must require that the nonprofit or nongovernmental entity report to the county on an annual basis regarding outcomes and objectives that include, but are not limited to:

(a) The number of individuals and families utilizing the CourtCare program;

(b) The type of services provided to individuals and families that utilized the CourtCare program;

(c) Unmet needs and barriers to the provision of services in the CourtCare program;

(d) The effect of the CourtCare program on courtroom, judicial and local government efficiency; and

(e) The types of information and resource referrals provided by the CourtCare program.

SECTION 3. The governing bodies of Marion and Polk Counties shall report on the progress of CourtCare pilot programs implemented under section 2 of this 2017 Act, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to child welfare no later than September 15, 2019.

SECTION 4. Sections 1 to 3 of this 2017 Act are repealed on January 2, 2021.

SECTION 5. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$200,000, for distribution to Marion and Polk Counties to be used to implement CourtCare pilot programs as described in section 2 of this 2017 Act.

SECTION 6. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect on July 1, 2017.

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