

# House Bill 2530

Sponsored by Representative GELSER

## 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**.

Authorizes Department of Human Services to adopt rules addressing storage, transportation and use of firearms and ammunition in presence of children in foster care.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to foster care; amending ORS 418.640.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 418.640 is amended to read:

5 418.640. (1) The Department of Human Services shall adopt [*such*] rules, not inconsistent with  
6 ORS 418.625 to 418.645, [*as it*] **that the department** deems necessary or advisable to protect the  
7 best interests of children in foster homes and to carry out the intent and purpose of ORS 418.625  
8 to 418.645.

9 (2) The department shall adopt rules assuring that all foster parents receive training designed  
10 to assist the foster parent in both understanding the mental and emotional problems that occur in  
11 child victims of abuse and neglect, including sexual abuse and rape of a child, as defined in ORS  
12 419B.005, and in managing the behavior that may result from such problems. The training shall be  
13 provided in accordance with rules adopted by the department.

14 (3) The Board on Public Safety Standards and Training shall develop a training program for law  
15 enforcement officers investigating child abuse cases and interviewing child abuse victims. The cur-  
16 riculum shall address the area of training and education necessary to facilitate the skills necessary  
17 to investigate reports of child abuse. The curriculum shall include, but not be limited to:

18 (a) Assessment of risk to child;

19 (b) Dynamics of child abuse; and

20 (c) Legally sound and age appropriate interview and investigatory techniques.

21 (4) The department or duly authorized representative shall visit every certified foster home from  
22 time to time and as often as appears necessary to determine that such foster home consistently  
23 maintains the standards fixed by the department and that proper care is being given to the children  
24 therein.

25 **(5) Notwithstanding ORS 166.170, rules adopted under this section may include rules**  
26 **regulating the storage, transportation and use of firearms and ammunition in the presence**  
27 **of children placed in a foster home. The department may not deny or revoke certification**  
28 **of a foster home on the basis that a person possesses firearms or ammunition or is licensed**  
29 **under ORS 166.291 and 166.292 to carry a concealed handgun.**  
30

---

**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.