

# House Bill 3584

Sponsored by Representative FREDERICK

## SUMMARY

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Directs Department of Human Services, in consultation with Oregon Health Authority, to provide training to foster parents regarding appropriate ethnic aesthetic care for children of African-American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian-American or multiracial descent.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to appropriate ethnic aesthetic care for children in foster care; amending ORS 418.255 and  
3 418.640.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 418.255 is amended to read:

6 418.255. (1) The Department of Human Services shall inspect and supervise all private child-  
7 caring agencies, whether incorporated or not, within this state, and may inspect and supervise  
8 public child-caring agencies within [*the*] **this** state. The department is [*hereby*] given right of en-  
9 trance, privilege of inspection, and access to all accounts and records of work and children, for the  
10 purpose of ascertaining the kind and quality of work done and to obtain a proper basis for its de-  
11 cisions and recommendations.

12 (2) Inspection and visitation of child-caring agencies by the department shall be made at unex-  
13 pected times, with irregular intervals between visits, and without previous notice to the agency  
14 visited. In addition to such official inspection, many other informal visits shall be made.

15 (3) The department [*and its agents*] shall advise agency and institution officers and workers in  
16 regard to approved methods of child care, best types of housing and equipment and adequate records  
17 of agency or institutional work. The principal purpose of such advice shall be to offer friendly  
18 counsel and assistance on child welfare problems and advice on progressive methods and improve-  
19 ment of the service.

20 (4) **In addition to advice provided under subsection (3) of this section, the department, in**  
21 **consultation with the Oregon Health Authority, shall provide training to child-caring agen-**  
22 **cies and persons providing treatment, care or services under the supervision of a child-caring**  
23 **agency regarding appropriate ethnic aesthetic care for children of African-American,**  
24 **Hispanic, Native American, Asian-American or multiracial descent, including care for the**  
25 **hair, face, body shape and type and skin of the children.**

26 **SECTION 2.** ORS 418.640 is amended to read:

27 418.640. (1) The Department of Human Services shall adopt such rules, not inconsistent with  
28 ORS 418.625 to 418.645, as it deems necessary or advisable to protect the best interests of children  
29 in foster homes and to carry out the intent and purpose of ORS 418.625 to 418.645.

30 (2)(a) The department shall [*adopt rules assuring that all foster parents receive training*  
31 *designed*]:

**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       **(A) Provide training** to assist the foster parent **both** in [*both*] understanding the mental and  
2 emotional problems that occur in child victims of abuse and neglect, including sexual abuse and rape  
3 of a child, as defined in ORS 419B.005, and in managing the behavior that may result from such  
4 problems; **and**

5       **(B) In consultation with the Oregon Health Authority, provide training to foster parents**  
6 **regarding appropriate ethnic aesthetic care for children of African-American, Hispanic, Na-**  
7 **tive American, Asian-American or multiracial descent, including care for the hair, face, body**  
8 **shape and type and skin of the children.**

9       **(b)** The training **under this subsection** shall be provided in accordance with rules adopted by  
10 the department.

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

15       (a) Assessment of risk to child;

16       (b) Dynamics of child abuse; and

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

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

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