

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 748

Ordered by the Senate April 29
Including Senate Amendments dated April 29

Sponsored by Senators FERRIOLI, KRUSE; Representatives KRIEGER, SCHAUFLE

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.

Requires person conducting child abuse investigation or making determination that child should be taken into protective custody and not returned to parent or responsible person to have advanced educational degree. **Provides exceptions.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to qualifications of persons involved in child abuse investigations.

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

SECTION 1. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the following persons must possess a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree from an accredited institution of higher education:

(a) A person who conducts an investigation under ORS 419B.020; and

(b) A person who makes the following determinations:

(A) That a child must be taken into protective custody under ORS 419B.150; and

(B) That the child should not be released to the child's parent or other responsible person under ORS 419B.165 (2).

(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to:

(a) A person who was employed or otherwise engaged by the Department of Human Services for the purpose of conducting investigations or making determinations before the effective date of this 2011 Act, provided the person's employment or engagement for these purposes has been continuous and uninterrupted.

(b) A law enforcement official as that term is defined in ORS 147.005.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2011 Act applies to child abuse investigations and protective custody determinations made on or after the effective date of this 2011 Act.

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.