

A-Engrossed
House Bill 4169

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Sponsored by JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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.

Establishes fees for diversions and court programs related to alcohol evaluation and treatment.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to offenses; creating new provisions; amending ORS 135.891, 147.045, 147.105, 147.115,
3 147.135, 147.165, 147.205, 147.215, 147.225, 147.240, 147.315, 147.325, 147.335, 147.345, 147.365,
4 813.030 and 813.240; repealing ORS 135.905; and declaring an emergency.

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

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7 **DISTRICT ATTORNEY DIVERSIONS**

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9 **SECTION 1.** ORS 135.891 is amended to read:

10 135.891. **(1)** A diversion agreement carries the understanding that if the defendant fulfills the
11 obligations of the program described therein, the criminal charges filed against the defendant will
12 be dismissed with prejudice. It shall include specifically the waiver of the right to a speedy trial. It
13 may include, but is not limited to, admissions by the defendant, stipulation of facts, stipulation that
14 depositions of witnesses may be taken pursuant to ORS 136.080 to 136.100, payment of costs as de-
15 fined in ORS 135.705, restitution, performance of community service, residence in a halfway house
16 or similar facility, maintenance of gainful employment, and participation in programs offering med-
17 ical, educational, vocational, social and psychological services, corrective and preventive guidance
18 and other rehabilitative services.

19 **(2) As a condition of entering into a diversion agreement under ORS 135.881 to 135.901,**
20 **the defendant must pay a program fee of \$100. The court may waive all or part of the fee in**
21 **cases involving indigent defendants, or may provide for payment of the fee on an installment**
22 **basis. A fee collected under this subsection in the circuit court shall be deposited by the**
23 **clerk of the court in the Criminal Fine Account. If the fee is collected in a municipal or**
24 **justice court, \$35 of the fee shall be forwarded by the court to the Department of Revenue**
25 **for deposit in the Criminal Fine Account, and the remainder of the fee shall be paid to the**
26 **city or county treasurer.**

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28 **ALCOHOL-RELATED EVALUATION AND TREATMENT AFTER CONVICTION**

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 an application under oath on a form furnished by the Department of Justice. The application shall
2 include:

3 (a) The name and address of the victim;

4 (b) If the victim is deceased, the name and address of the applicant and relationship to the vic-
5 tim, the names and addresses of the victim's dependents and the extent to which each is so de-
6 pendent;

7 (c) The date and nature of the crime or attempted crime on which the application for compen-
8 sation is based;

9 (d) The date and place where, and the law enforcement officials to whom, notification of the
10 crime was given;

11 (e) The nature and extent of the injuries sustained by the victim, the names and addresses of
12 those giving medical and hospital treatment to the victim and whether death resulted;

13 (f) The loss to the applicant and to such other persons as are specified under paragraph (b) of
14 this subsection, resulting from the injury or death;

15 (g) The amount of benefits, payments or awards, if any, payable from any source, which the ap-
16 plicant or other person, listed under paragraph (b) of this subsection, has received or for which the
17 applicant or other person is eligible as a result of the injury or death;

18 (h) Releases authorizing the surrender to the department of reports, documents and other in-
19 formation relating to the matters specified under this subsection; and

20 (i) Such other information as the department determines is necessary.

21 (2) The department may require that the applicants submit with the application materials sub-
22 stantiating the facts stated in the application.

23 (3) If the department finds that an application does not contain the required information or that
24 the facts stated therein have not been substantiated, it shall notify the applicant in writing of the
25 specific additional items of information or materials required and that the applicant has 30 days
26 from the date of mailing in which to furnish those items to the department. Unless an applicant
27 requests and is granted an extension of time by the department, the department shall reject with
28 prejudice the claim of the applicant for failure to file the additional information or materials within
29 the specified time.

30 (4) An applicant may file an amended application or additional substantiating materials to cor-
31 rect inadvertent errors or omissions at any time before the department has completed its consider-
32 ation of the original application.

33 (5) The filing of additional information or the amendment of the application pursuant to sub-
34 section (3) or (4) of this section shall be considered for the purposes of ORS [135.905 and] 147.005
35 to 147.367 to have been filed at the same time as the original application.

36 (6) Unless the department finds good cause exists for the applicant's failure to satisfy a financial
37 obligation or unless the interest of justice requires otherwise, the department shall not process an
38 application filed by or on behalf of a victim who owes a financial obligation ordered or imposed as
39 a result of a previous criminal conviction until the department receives information or materials
40 establishing to the satisfaction of the department that the financial obligation has been satisfied. If
41 the department does not receive the information or materials within one year after the department
42 notifies the applicant of the need to fulfill this requirement, the application is void.

43 (7)(a) If at the time of application, the applicant is incarcerated as a result of a conviction of
44 a crime, the application shall be refused and returned to the applicant. The applicant is eligible to
45 refile the application within six months after the applicant is released from incarceration.

1 (b) At the time the application is refused and returned, the department shall notify the applicant
2 of the right to refile the claim within six months of release from incarceration.

3 **SECTION 10.** ORS 147.115 is amended to read:

4 147.115. (1) All information submitted to the Department of Justice by an applicant and all
5 hearings of the Workers' Compensation Board under ORS [135.905 and] 147.005 to 147.367 shall be
6 open to the public unless the department or board determines that the information shall be kept
7 confidential or that a closed hearing shall be held because:

8 (a) The alleged assailant has not been brought to trial and disclosure of the information or a
9 public hearing would adversely affect either the apprehension or the trial of the alleged assailant;

10 (b) The offense allegedly perpetrated against the victim is rape, sodomy or sexual abuse and the
11 interests of the victim or of the victim's dependents require that the information be kept confidential
12 or that the public be excluded from the hearing;

13 (c) The victim or alleged assailant is a minor; or

14 (d) The interests of justice would be frustrated rather than furthered, if the information were
15 disclosed or if the hearing were open to the public.

16 (2)(a) A record shall be kept of the proceedings held before the board and shall include the
17 board's findings of fact and conclusions concerning the amount of compensation, if any, to which the
18 applicant and the dependents of a deceased victim are entitled.

19 (b) No part of the record of any proceedings before the board may be used for any purpose in
20 a criminal proceeding except in the prosecution of a person alleged to have committed perjury in
21 testimony before the board.

22 (c) Where the interests of justice require, the board may refuse to disclose to the public the
23 names of victims or other material in the record by which the identity of the victim could be dis-
24 covered.

25 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (2)(b) and (c) of this section, the record of the proceedings held
26 before the board is a public record. However, any record or report obtained by the board, the
27 confidentiality of which is protected by any other law, shall remain confidential subject to such law.

28 (4) Witnesses required to appear at any proceeding before the board shall receive such fees and
29 mileage allowance as are provided for witnesses in ORS 44.415 (2).

30 **SECTION 11.** ORS 147.135 is amended to read:

31 147.135. After processing the application filed under ORS 147.105 the Department of Justice
32 shall enter an order stating:

33 (1) Its findings of fact; and

34 (2) Its decision as to whether or not compensation is due under ORS [135.905 and] 147.005 to
35 147.367.

36 **SECTION 12.** ORS 147.165 is amended to read:

37 147.165. (1) The award made under ORS [135.905 and] 147.005 to 147.367 shall be paid in a
38 manner determined by the Department of Justice. Payment for medical, hospital and funeral ex-
39 penses may be made directly to the service providers.

40 (2) Where a person eligible to receive an award under ORS [135.905 and] 147.005 to 147.367 is
41 a person under the age of 18 years or an incompetent, the award may be paid to a relative, guardian
42 or attorney of such person on behalf of and for the benefit of such person. In such case the payee
43 shall:

44 (a) File an annual accounting of the award with the department; and

45 (b) Take such other action as the department shall determine is necessary and appropriate for

1 the benefit of the beneficiary of the award.

2 (3) A person who is incarcerated is not eligible for payments for loss of earnings for the period
3 of incarceration.

4 (4) Payment of claims is subject to availability of funds for victim compensation awards as pro-
5 vided in the department budget approved by the Legislative Assembly or the Emergency Board.

6 **SECTION 13.** ORS 147.205 is amended to read:

7 147.205. (1) To carry out the provisions and purposes of ORS [135.905 and] 147.005 to 147.367,
8 the Department of Justice has the power and duty to:

9 (a) Appoint such employees and agents as it determines are necessary, fix their compensation
10 within the limitations provided by law, and prescribe their duties.

11 (b) Request and obtain from law enforcement agencies, district attorneys, county juvenile de-
12 partments, the Department of Human Services, the Oregon Youth Authority and the Department of
13 Corrections such assistance and information as will enable the Department of Justice to carry out
14 its functions and duties under ORS 147.005 to 147.367. The Department of Justice may obtain as-
15 sistance and information under this paragraph, notwithstanding any other law relating to the
16 confidentiality or disclosure of records. The Department of Justice:

17 (A) Shall maintain the confidentiality of any privileged or confidential information or records
18 obtained under this paragraph;

19 (B) May use the information or records only for the purposes authorized by ORS 147.005 to
20 147.367; and

21 (C) May not disclose the contents of any privileged or confidential records to any other person
22 or entity.

23 (c) Adopt rules pursuant to ORS chapter 183.

24 (d) Direct medical examination of victims.

25 (e) Determine all claims for awards filed with the department pursuant to ORS [135.905 and]
26 147.005 to 147.367, and to reinvestigate or reopen cases as the department deems necessary.

27 (f) Report biennially to the Governor and to the Legislative Assembly on its activities.

28 (2) Notwithstanding any other law relating to the confidentiality or disclosure of records, when
29 a crime victim applies for compensation under ORS 147.005 to 147.367, a person that provides med-
30 ical services or supplies or pays the costs of medical services or supplies provided to the crime
31 victim shall provide to the Department of Justice any individually identifiable health information the
32 person has in the person's possession about the crime victim if:

33 (a) The department requests the information; and

34 (b) A release authorizing the surrender has been completed under ORS 147.105 (1)(h).

35 (3) As used in subsection (2) of this section:

36 (a) "Pays" includes, but is not limited to, payments made directly or indirectly through settle-
37 ments, judgments, insurance, Medicaid, other compensation or restitution.

38 (b) "Person" includes, but is not limited to, health care providers and their agents, insurers and
39 their agents, employers and public bodies as defined in ORS 174.109.

40 **SECTION 14.** ORS 147.215 is amended to read:

41 147.215. (1) The Attorney General shall serve as legal adviser to the Department of Justice for
42 all matters arising under ORS [135.905 and] 147.005 to 147.367.

43 (2) Law enforcement officials and other agencies of the state or local governmental units are
44 authorized to give and shall provide any assistance or information requested by the department un-
45 der ORS 147.205 (1)(b).

1 **SECTION 15.** ORS 147.225 is amended to read:

2 147.225. There is established the Criminal Injuries Compensation Account. All moneys in the
3 account are continuously appropriated for and may be used by the Department of Justice for the
4 purposes authorized in ORS [135.905,] 147.005 to 147.367 and 147.397.

5 **SECTION 16.** ORS 147.240 is amended to read:

6 147.240. After the entry of an award under ORS [135.905 and] 147.005 to 147.367, the Department
7 of Justice shall submit the claim for payment from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Account
8 pursuant to ORS 293.295 to 293.460 and 293.465 to 293.510.

9 **SECTION 17.** ORS 147.315 is amended to read:

10 147.315. No fee may be charged to the applicant in any proceeding under ORS [135.905 and]
11 147.005 to 147.367.

12 **SECTION 18.** ORS 147.325 is amended to read:

13 147.325. No compensation payable under ORS [135.905 and] 147.005 to 147.367 shall, prior to
14 actual receipt thereof by the person or beneficiary eligible therefor, or their legal representatives,
15 be assignable or subject to execution, garnishment, attachment or any other process, including pro-
16 cess to satisfy an order or judgment for support or alimony.

17 **SECTION 19.** ORS 147.335 is amended to read:

18 147.335. The rights to compensation created by ORS [135.905 and] 147.005 to 147.367 are per-
19 sonal and shall not survive the death of the person or beneficiary eligible therefor. However, if such
20 death occurs after an application for compensation has been filed with the Department of Justice,
21 the proceeding shall not abate, but may be continued by the legal representative of the decedent's
22 estate.

23 **SECTION 20.** ORS 147.345 is amended to read:

24 147.345. (1) The acceptance of an award made pursuant to ORS [135.905 and] 147.005 to 147.367
25 shall subrogate the state, to the extent of such award, to any right or right of action accruing to
26 the applicant or recipient against the assailant or any other person or entity liable for the injury
27 constituting the basis for the award.

28 (2)(a) On behalf of the state, the Department of Justice may bring suit against an assailant to
29 recover the amount of compensation paid to an applicant or recipient of an award made pursuant
30 to ORS [135.905 and] 147.005 to 147.367 as a result of the assailant's commission of a compensable
31 crime. Before initiating a suit under this subsection, the Department of Justice must notify the ap-
32 plicant or recipient that the Department of Justice is going to initiate a suit. A suit under this
33 subsection does not affect any right or right of action accruing to the applicant or recipient against
34 the assailant for the injury constituting the basis for the award, except that the assailant may be
35 able to offset payments made to the Department of Justice against any award to the applicant or
36 recipient for the same damages. The assailant also may offset any payments the assailant has made
37 to the applicant or recipient for the same damages against any recovery by the Department of Jus-
38 tice under this subsection.

39 (b) In a suit under this subsection, the Department of Justice may recover attorney fees and
40 costs of suit.

41 (c) Each separate payment of compensation under ORS [135.905 and] 147.005 to 147.367 creates
42 a cause of action under this subsection.

43 (3) Any settlement of a right or right of action against the assailant or any other person or
44 entity by the victim or the dependent of the victim based on the compensable crime must be ap-
45 proved by the Department of Justice if the department has made an award to the victim or the de-

1 pendent of the victim. If the settlement is not approved by the department, the department may void
2 the settlement.

3 **SECTION 21.** ORS 147.365 is amended to read:

4 147.365. (1) All law enforcement agencies in this state shall deliver cards to victims of crime
5 stating the procedure to be followed in applying for compensation under ORS [*135.905 and*] 147.005
6 to 147.367.

7 (2) No law enforcement agency shall be civilly liable for a failure to comply with subsection (1)
8 of this section.

9 **SECTION 22.** **The unit captions used in this 2012 Act are provided only for the conven-**
10 **ience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any**
11 **legislative intent in the enactment of this 2012 Act.**

12 **SECTION 23.** **This 2012 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
13 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2012 Act takes effect**
14 **on its passage.**