

Senate Bill 492

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

SUMMARY

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Requires district attorney to disclose to defendant data, documents, tangible objects or information that reasonably appears to be favorable to defendant with respect to determination of guilt, preliminary matter or sentence to be imposed.

Provides that district attorney may not condition plea offer on defendant's waiver of disclosure obligation.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to disclosure in criminal prosecutions; amending ORS 135.405, 135.815 and 419C.270; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 135.815 is amended to read:

6 135.815. (1) Except as otherwise provided in ORS 135.855 and 135.873, the district attorney shall
7 disclose to a represented defendant the following material and information within the possession or
8 control of the district attorney:

9 (a) The names and addresses of persons whom the district attorney intends to call as witnesses
10 at any stage of the trial, together with their relevant written or recorded statements or memoranda
11 of any oral statements of such persons.

12 (b) Any written or recorded statements or memoranda of any oral statements made by the de-
13 fendant, or made by a codefendant if the trial is to be a joint one.

14 (c) Any reports or statements of experts, made in connection with the particular case, including
15 results of physical or mental examinations and of scientific tests, experiments or comparisons which
16 the district attorney intends to offer in evidence at the trial.

17 (d) Any books, papers, documents, photographs or tangible objects:

18 (A) Which the district attorney intends to offer in evidence at the trial; or

19 (B) Which were obtained from or belong to the defendant.

20 (e) If actually known to the district attorney, any record of prior criminal convictions of persons
21 whom the district attorney intends to call as witnesses at the trial; and the district attorney shall
22 make a good faith effort to determine if such convictions have occurred.

23 (f) **Any data, documents, tangible objects or information that reasonably appears to be**
24 **favorable to the defendant with respect to the determination of guilt, a preliminary matter**
25 **or the sentence to be imposed.**

26 [*f*] (g) All prior convictions of the defendant known to the state that would affect the deter-
27 mination of the defendant's criminal history for sentencing under rules of the Oregon Criminal Jus-
28 tice Commission.

29 (2) Except as otherwise provided in ORS 135.855 and 135.873, in prosecutions for violation of

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 ORS 813.010 in which an instrument was used to test a person's breath, blood or urine to determine
2 the alcoholic content of the person's blood the district attorney shall disclose to a represented de-
3 fendant at least the following material and information within the possession or control of the dis-
4 trict attorney:

5 (a) Any report prepared by a police officer relating to field tests, interviews, observations and
6 other information relating to the charged offense;

7 (b) Any report relating to the test results;

8 (c) A copy of the form provided to the defendant under ORS 813.100 (3)(b); and

9 (d) Any checklist prepared by the operator of the instrument for the test.

10 (3)(a) If a defendant is not represented by a lawyer, the district attorney shall disclose to the
11 defendant all of the information described in subsections (1) and (2) of this section except for the
12 personal identifiers of the victim and any witnesses.

13 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, the district attorney shall disclose the
14 personal identifiers of the victim and any witnesses if the trial court orders the disclosure. A trial
15 court shall order the district attorney to disclose the personal identifiers of the victim and any
16 witnesses if the trial court finds that:

17 (A) The defendant has requested the information; and

18 (B)(i) The victim or witness is a business or institution and disclosure of the information would
19 not represent a risk of harm to the victim or witness; or

20 (ii) The need for the information cannot reasonably be met by other means.

21 (4)(a) Unless authorized by the trial court to disclose the information, a lawyer representing a
22 defendant, or a representative of the lawyer, may not disclose to the defendant personal identifiers
23 of a victim or witness obtained under subsections (1) and (2) of this section.

24 (b) The trial court shall order the lawyer, or representative of the lawyer, to disclose to the
25 defendant the personal identifiers of a victim or witness if the court finds that:

26 (A) The defendant's lawyer has requested the district attorney to disclose the information to the
27 defendant;

28 (B) The district attorney has refused to disclose the information to the defendant; and

29 (C) The need for the information cannot reasonably be met by other means.

30 (5) As used in this section:

31 (a) "Personal identifiers" means a person's address, telephone number, Social Security number
32 and date of birth and the identifying number of a person's depository account at a financial insti-
33 tution, as defined in ORS 706.008, or credit card account.

34 (b) "Representative of the lawyer" has the meaning given that term in ORS 40.225.

35 (c) "Represented defendant" means a defendant who is represented by a lawyer in a criminal
36 action.

37 **SECTION 2.** ORS 135.405 is amended to read:

38 135.405. (1) In cases in which it appears that the interest of the public in the effective adminis-
39 tration of criminal justice would thereby be served, and in accordance with the criteria set forth in
40 ORS 135.415, the district attorney may engage in plea discussions for the purpose of reaching a plea
41 agreement.

42 (2) The district attorney shall engage in plea discussions or reach a plea agreement with the
43 defendant only through defense counsel, except when, as a matter of record, the defendant has ef-
44 fectively waived the right of the defendant to counsel or, if the defendant is not eligible for ap-
45 pointed counsel, has not retained counsel.

1 (3) The district attorney in reaching a plea agreement may agree to, but is not limited to, one
 2 or more of the following, as required by the circumstances of the individual case:

3 (a) To make or not to oppose favorable recommendations as to the sentence which should be
 4 imposed if the defendant enters a plea of guilty or no contest to the offense charged;

5 (b) To seek or not to oppose dismissal of the offense charged if the defendant enters a plea of
 6 guilty or no contest to another offense reasonably related to the defendant's conduct; or

7 (c) To seek or not to oppose dismissal of other charges or to refrain from bringing potential
 8 charges if the defendant enters a plea of guilty or no contest to the offense charged.

9 (4) Similarly situated defendants should be afforded equal plea agreement opportunities.

10 (5) **The district attorney may not condition a plea offer on a requirement that the de-**
 11 **fendant waive the disclosure obligation of ORS 135.815 (1)(f).**

12 [(5)(a)] (6)(a) A district attorney may provide a plea offer and agreed disposition recommen-
 13 dation to the defendant at the time of arraignment or first appearance of the defendant for a crime
 14 in open court under an early disposition program established under ORS 135.941.

15 (b) Unless extended by the court, a plea offer and agreed disposition recommendation made un-
 16 der paragraph (a) of this subsection expire upon completion of the arraignment. Except for good
 17 cause, a court may not extend a plea offer and agreed disposition recommendation under this para-
 18 graph for more than seven days for a misdemeanor or 21 days for a felony.

19 **SECTION 3.** ORS 419C.270 is amended to read:

20 419C.270. In all proceedings brought under ORS 419C.005, the following rules of criminal pro-
 21 cedure apply:

22 (1) ORS 133.673, 133.693 and 133.703;

23 (2) ORS 135.455, 135.465 and 135.470;

24 (3) ORS 135.610, 135.630 (3) to (6), 135.640 and 135.670;

25 (4) ORS 135.711, 135.713, 135.715, 135.717, 135.720, 135.725, 135.727, 135.730, 135.733, 135.735,
 26 135.737, 135.740 and 135.743;

27 (5) ORS 135.805 and 135.815 (1)(a) to [(e)] (f) and (2);

28 (6) ORS 135.825, 135.835, 135.845 and 135.855 to 135.873; and

29 (7) ORS 136.432.

30 **SECTION 4. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
 31 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect**
 32 **on its passage.**

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