

Senate Bill 856

Sponsored by Senator KNOPP

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**.

Establishes child sexual abuse prevention instructional program for public schools.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to a child sexual abuse prevention instructional program in public schools; and declaring
3 an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) Each school district board shall adopt a child sexual abuse prevention**
6 **instructional program for students in kindergarten through grade 12.**

7 **(2) School districts must include in the program:**

8 **(a) Developmentally appropriate, culturally sensitive and evidence-based instruction for**
9 **each grade level;**

10 **(b) A minimum of four instructional sessions per school year, with each year's instruc-**
11 **tion building on the previous year's instruction;**

12 **(c) Age-appropriate curriculum including role-playing, discussion, activities and books to**
13 **educate students regarding child sexual abuse prevention;**

14 **(d) Instruction providing students with the knowledge and tools to communicate inci-**
15 **dents of sexual abuse;**

16 **(e) Instruction regarding "safe touch," "unsafe touch," "safe secrets," "unsafe secrets,"**
17 **and how to escape and report a sexual abuse situation;**

18 **(f) Techniques to recognize child sexual abuse, skills to reduce vulnerability and encour-**
19 **agement to report child sexual abuse;**

20 **(g) An evaluation component with measurable outcomes;**

21 **(h) A professional training component for administrators, teachers and other school**
22 **personnel regarding communicating child sexual abuse prevention techniques to students,**
23 **effects of child sexual abuse on children, receiving child sexual abuse reports and disclosures**
24 **and mandated reporting; and**

25 **(i) A parental involvement component to inform parents about child sexual abuse topics,**
26 **including characteristics of offenders, "grooming" behaviors and how to discuss child sexual**
27 **abuse prevention with children.**

28 **(3) Program instruction may be delivered by instructors including teachers, school**
29 **counselors and outside agency prevention educators, provided the instructors have knowl-**
30 **edge of and training in child sexual abuse prevention.**

31 **SECTION 2. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**

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 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
2 **on its passage.**

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