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SUMMARY

Directs Department of Human Services to conduct statewide study regarding child abuse no later than July 1, 2018.

Requires department to submit report regarding study to interim legislative committees no later than November 1, 2018.

Sunsets January 1, 2019.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to child abuse; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) No later than July 1, 2018, the Department of Human Services shall conduct a statewide study regarding the status of mandatory reporting of child abuse, investigation of child abuse and prevention of child abuse. The study must include:

(a) The frequency of mandatory reports of child abuse;

(b) The results of investigations of child abuse; and

(c) Recommendations for legislative or other changes that may result in improvements to the mandatory reporting and investigation of child abuse in Oregon, and the prevention of child abuse.

(2) No later than November 1, 2018, the department shall submit a report to the interim legislative committees related to child welfare regarding the study conducted in accordance with subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on January 1, 2019.

SECTION 3. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-

1 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**
2 **clared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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