

House Bill 2248

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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**.

Removes sunset date on temporary law and makes permanent law authorizing Oregon Youth Authority and county juvenile departments to disclose and provide copies of reports and other materials relating to child, ward, youth or youth offender's history and prognosis to Department of Corrections for purpose of exercising custody or supervising person committed to department's legal and physical custody.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to disclosure of certain juvenile records to Department of Corrections; amending ORS
3 419A.257; repealing section 3, chapter 509, Oregon Laws 2015; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 419A.257, as amended by section 2, chapter 509, Oregon Laws 2015, is
6 amended to read:

7 419A.257. (1) Reports and other materials relating to a child, ward, youth or youth offender's
8 history and prognosis that are created or maintained by or on behalf of the Oregon Youth Authority
9 or the juvenile department are privileged and, except with the consent of the child, ward, youth or
10 youth offender or with the authorization of the court, shall be withheld from public inspection.

11 (2) The Oregon Youth Authority and the juvenile department may disclose and provide copies
12 of reports and other materials relating to the child, ward, youth or youth offender's history and
13 prognosis, if the disclosure is reasonably necessary to perform official duties relating to the in-
14 volvement of the child, ward, youth or youth offender with the juvenile court or the juvenile de-
15 partment, to the following:

- 16 (a) Each other;
17 (b) The court;
18 (c) Service providers in the case;
19 (d) School superintendents and their designees in cases under ORS 419C.005;
20 (e) Attorneys of record for the child, ward, youth or youth offender;
21 (f) Attorneys representing a party in the case;
22 (g) The district attorney or assistant attorney general representing a party in the case;
23 (h) The Department of Human Services;
24 (i) The court appointed special advocate; and
25 (j) The Psychiatric Security Review Board.

26 **(3)(a) The Oregon Youth Authority and county juvenile departments established under**
27 **ORS 419A.010 to 419A.020 may disclose and provide copies of reports and other materials re-**
28 **lating to the child, ward, youth or youth offender's history and prognosis to the Department**

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 of Corrections for the purpose of enabling the Department of Corrections to perform its of-
 2 ficial duties relating to the exercise of custody or supervision of a person committed to the
 3 legal and physical custody of the Department of Corrections.

4 (b) The Department of Corrections shall limit the use of reports and other materials
 5 disclosed and provided to the department under this section to reports and other materials
 6 that relate to the history and prognosis of a youth or youth offender as these pertain to:

7 (A) A person who was transferred to the physical custody of the authority under ORS
 8 137.124 and is subsequently transferred to the physical custody of the Department of Cor-
 9 rections under ORS 137.124 or 420.011 or any other statute; or

10 (B) A person committed to the legal and physical custody of the Department of Cor-
 11 rections while the person is under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court under ORS 419C.005,
 12 including but not limited to a person in the legal custody of the authority.

13 [(3)] (4) A person that obtains copies of reports or other materials under this section is respon-
 14 sible for preserving the confidentiality of the reports or other materials. A service provider, school
 15 superintendent or superintendent's designee who obtains copies of reports or other materials under
 16 this section shall destroy the copies upon the conclusion of involvement in the case.

17 [(4)(a)] (5)(a) Information appearing in reports or other materials relating to the child, ward,
 18 youth or youth offender's history or prognosis may not be disclosed directly or indirectly to any
 19 person not described in subsection (2) of this section unless the consent of the child, ward, youth
 20 or youth offender or the authorization of the court has been obtained, except for purposes of eval-
 21 uating the child, ward, youth or youth offender's eligibility for special education as provided in ORS
 22 chapter 343.

23 (b) Information appearing in reports or other materials may not be used in evidence in any
 24 proceeding to establish criminal or civil liability against the child, ward, youth or youth offender,
 25 whether the proceeding occurs after the child, ward, youth or youth offender has reached 18 years
 26 of age or otherwise, except for the following purposes:

27 (A) In connection with a presentence investigation after guilt has been admitted or established
 28 in a criminal court.

29 (B) In connection with a proceeding in another juvenile court concerning the child, ward, youth
 30 or youth offender or an appeal from an order or judgment of the juvenile court.

31 [(5)(a)] (6)(a) Information contained in reports and other materials relating to a child, ward,
 32 youth or youth offender's history and prognosis that, in the professional judgment of the Oregon
 33 Youth Authority, juvenile department, juvenile counselor, caseworker, school superintendent or
 34 superintendent's designee, teacher or detention worker to whom the information contained in the
 35 reports and other materials has been provided, indicates a clear and immediate danger to another
 36 person or to society, shall be disclosed to the appropriate authority and the person or entity that
 37 is in danger from the child, ward, youth or youth offender.

38 (b) An agency or a person that discloses information under paragraph (a) of this subsection has
 39 immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed for
 40 making the disclosure.

41 (c) Nothing in this subsection affects the provisions of ORS 146.750, 146.760, 419B.035, 419B.040
 42 and 419B.045.

43 [(6)] (7) The disclosure of information under this section does not make the information admis-
 44 sible in any court or administrative proceeding if it is not otherwise admissible.

45 **SECTION 2. Section 3, chapter 509, Oregon Laws 2015, is repealed.**

1 **SECTION 3. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
2 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**
3 **on its passage.**

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