

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2401

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Including House Amendments dated March 31

Sponsored by Representative NATHANSON, Senator MONNES ANDERSON, Representative KENY-GUYER; Representatives BARNHART, OLSON, SANCHEZ (Presession filed).

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.

Requires Department of Human Services [*and Department of Justice*] to provide trauma-informed training [*and curriculum*] to child welfare personnel.

Requires department to develop written guidelines for trauma-informed practices for department employees who work with programs for children.

Appropriates moneys to department to develop written guidelines for trauma-informed practices.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to trauma-informed training for child welfare personnel; creating new provisions; amending
3 ORS 418.751; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 418.751 is amended to read:

6 418.751. (1) The Department of Human Services, as provided in ORS 418.702, and the Department
7 of Justice shall ensure that training and education are provided for persons, other than law
8 enforcement officers, who are required to investigate allegations of child abuse.

9 **(2)(a) The Department of Human Services shall provide trauma-informed training for**
10 **employees within the department who are responsible for licensing, certifying or otherwise**
11 **authorizing child-caring agencies and foster homes and for employees who investigate such**
12 **agencies and homes. The training provided under this subsection must include the following:**

13 **(A) Interview models and practices that are informed by policy, research and practice**
14 **guidelines, with an emphasis on avoiding retraumatization by interview;**

15 **(B) Recognizing characteristic signs and symptoms of child traumatic stress in children**
16 **of different developmental ages and cultural backgrounds;**

17 **(C) The impact of trauma on a child's safety, permanency and well-being;**

18 **(D) Using and administering trauma-informed assessment tools, instruments and prac-**
19 **tice strategies;**

20 **(E) Collection of information on a child's trauma history;**

21 **(F) Techniques that promote children's recovery and resiliency; and**

22 **(G) Methods for improving placement stability by reducing the number of placements,**
23 **shortening length of stays in care and reducing the number of placement moves.**

24 **(b) Subject to the availability of funds, the Director of Human Services may extend**
25 **trauma-informed training to other persons in the child welfare system including**

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 **caseworkers, foster parents, parents, medical examiners and educators.**

2 **(3) The Department of Human Services shall work to develop a written set of guidelines**
3 **for trauma-informed practices for department employees who work with programs for chil-**
4 **dren that can be shared with other entities, including but not limited to the Oregon Health**
5 **Authority, the Oregon Youth Authority and the Board on Public Safety Standards and**
6 **Training.**

7 [(2)] (4) The Department of Human Services and the Department of Justice shall work with the
8 Board on Public Safety Standards and Training to ensure that the training that is offered to persons
9 under subsection (1) of this section and ORS 418.702 is coordinated with the training given to law
10 enforcement officers.

11 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
12 **ated to the Department of Human Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, out of**
13 **the General Fund, the amount of \$_____ for the purpose of developing a written set of**
14 **guidelines for trauma-informed practices for department employees under ORS 418.751 (3).**

15 **SECTION 3. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
16 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**
17 **July 1, 2017.**

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