

B-Engrossed
House Bill 2401

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Including House Amendments dated March 31 and June 5

Sponsored by Representative NATHANSON, Senator MONNES ANDERSON, Representative KENY-GUYER; Representatives BARNHART, HUFFMAN, 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 to provide trauma-informed training 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

1
2 Relating to trauma-informed training for child welfare personnel; amending ORS 418.751; and de-
3 claring 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. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
12 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**
13 **July 1, 2017.**