

House Bill 2401

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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**.

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to trauma-informed training for child welfare personnel; amending ORS 418.751.

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

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

5 418.751. (1) The Department of Human Services, as provided in ORS 418.702, and the Department
6 of Justice shall ensure that training and education are provided for persons, other than law
7 enforcement officers, who are required to investigate allegations of child abuse **and who are in-**
8 **involved in case planning for children in state custody and substitute care. Training must in-**
9 **clude a trauma-informed curriculum that addresses and includes the following:**

10 (a) **Interview models and practices that are informed by policy, research and practice**
11 **guidelines, with an emphasis on avoiding retraumatization by interviews;**

12 (b) **Recognizing signs and symptoms of child traumatic stress by developmental age and**
13 **cultural background;**

14 (c) **The impact of trauma on a child's safety, permanency and well being;**

15 (d) **Using and administering trauma-informed assessment tools, instruments and practice**
16 **strategies;**

17 (e) **Collection of information on a child's trauma history;**

18 (f) **Techniques that promote children's recovery and resiliency; and**

19 (g) **Methods for improving placement stability by reducing the number of placements,**
20 **shortening length of stays in care and reducing the number of placement moves.**

21 (2) The Department of Human Services and the Department of Justice shall work with the Board
22 on Public Safety Standards and Training to ensure that the training that is offered to persons under
23 subsection (1) of this section and ORS 418.702 is coordinated with the training given to law
24 enforcement officers. **In addition, the Department of Human Services may extend trauma-**
25 **informed training and curriculum to other persons in the child welfare system including**
26 **caseworkers, foster parents, parents, medical examiners and educators.**

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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.