

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2930

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Including House Amendments dated April 20

Sponsored by Representative BOONE

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 law enforcement agency to make efforts to determine military status of parents or guardians of child who is subject of report of child abuse. Mandates that department or agency notify Oregon Military Department and Department of Defense family advocacy program that report of child abuse involving child whose parent or guardian is in military was made, or that investigation of report of child abuse involving child whose parent or guardian is in military has been conducted, resulting in reasonable cause to believe that abuse occurred.]

Authorizes Department of Human Services or law enforcement agency to collect information concerning military status of parent or guardian of child who is subject of report of child abuse and share information with appropriate military authorities.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to required notifications to military regarding certain child abuse reports; creating new
3 provisions; and amending ORS 419B.015.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 419B.015 is amended to read:

6 419B.015. (1)(a) A person making a report of child abuse, whether the report is made voluntarily
7 or is required by ORS 419B.010, shall make an oral report by telephone or otherwise to the local
8 office of the Department of Human Services, to the designee of the department or to a law
9 enforcement agency within the county where the person making the report is located at the time
10 of the contact. The report shall contain, if known, the names and addresses of the child and the
11 parents of the child or other persons responsible for care of the child, the child's age, the nature
12 and extent of the abuse, including any evidence of previous abuse, the explanation given for the
13 abuse and any other information that the person making the report believes might be helpful in es-
14 tablishing the cause of the abuse and the identity of the perpetrator.

15 (b) When a report of child abuse is received by the department, the department shall notify a
16 law enforcement agency within the county where the report was made. When a report of child abuse
17 is received by a designee of the department, the designee shall notify, according to the contract,
18 either the department or a law enforcement agency within the county where the report was made.
19 When a report of child abuse is received by a law enforcement agency, the agency shall notify the
20 local office of the department within the county where the report was made.

21 **(c) When a report of child abuse is received by the department or by a law enforcement**
22 **agency, the department or law enforcement agency, or both, may collect information con-**
23 **cerning the military status of the parent or guardian of the child who is the subject of the**
24 **report and may share the information with the appropriate military authorities. Disclosure**

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 information under this paragraph is subject to ORS 419B.035 (7).**

2 (2) When a report of child abuse is received under subsection (1)(a) of this section, the entity
3 receiving the report shall make the notification required by subsection (1)(b) of this section accord-
4 ing to rules adopted by the department under ORS 419B.017.

5 (3)(a) When a report alleging that a child or ward in substitute care may have been subjected
6 to abuse is received by the department, the department shall notify the attorney for the child or
7 ward, the child's or ward's court appointed special advocate, the parents of the child or ward and
8 any attorney representing a parent of the child or ward that a report has been received.

9 (b) The name and address of and other identifying information about the person who made the
10 report may not be disclosed under this subsection. Any person or entity to whom notification is
11 made under this subsection may not release any information not authorized by this subsection.

12 (c) The department shall make the notification required by this subsection within three business
13 days of receiving the report of abuse.

14 (d) Notwithstanding the obligation imposed by this subsection, the department is not required
15 under this subsection to notify the parent or parent's attorney that a report of abuse has been re-
16 ceived if the notification may interfere with an investigation or assessment or jeopardize the child's
17 or ward's safety.

18 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 419B.015 by section 1 of this 2017 Act apply to re-**
19 **ports of child abuse made on or after the effective date of this 2017 Act.**

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