

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 241**

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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.

*[Establishes Task Force on Children of Incarcerated Parents. Requires task force to submit report and implementation plan to committee of Legislative Assembly each year.]*

*[Sunsets December 31, 2021.]*

*[Declares emergency, effective on passage.]*

**Directs Department of Corrections to assign implementation of bill of rights of children of incarcerated parents to existing public body. Establishes list of essential rights that bill of rights must include.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

Relating to children of incarcerated parents.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Corrections shall assign the implementation of a bill of rights of children of incarcerated parents to an existing public body.**

**(2) The bill of rights of children of incarcerated parents implemented under this section must recognize that each child of an incarcerated parent has certain essential rights, including but not limited to the following:**

**(a) To be protected from additional trauma at the time of parental arrest.**

**(b) To be informed of the arrest in an age-appropriate manner.**

**(c) To be heard and respected by decision makers when decisions are made about the child.**

**(d) To be considered when decisions are made about the child's parent.**

**(e) To be cared for in the absence of the child's parent in a way that prioritizes the child's physical, mental and emotional needs.**

**(f) To speak with, see and touch the incarcerated parent.**

**(g) To be informed about local services and programs that can provide support to the child as the child deals with the parent's incarceration.**

**(h) To not be judged, labeled or blamed for the parent's incarceration.**

**(i) To have a lifelong relationship with the incarcerated parent.**

**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.