

# Senate Bill 938

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

## 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**.

Directs Department of Human Services to conduct statewide study regarding child abuse no later than July 1, 2018.

Requires department to submit report regarding study to interim legislative committees no later than November 1, 2018.

Sunsets January 1, 2019.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to child abuse; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) No later than July 1, 2018, the Department of Human Services shall**  
5 **conduct a statewide study regarding the status of mandatory reporting of child abuse, in-**  
6 **vestigation of child abuse and prevention of child abuse. The study must include:**

7 (a) **The frequency of mandatory reports of child abuse;**

8 (b) **The results of investigations of child abuse; and**

9 (c) **Recommendations for legislative or other changes that may result in improvements**  
10 **to the mandatory reporting and investigation of child abuse in Oregon, and the prevention**  
11 **of child abuse.**

12 (2) **No later than November 1, 2018, the department shall submit a report to the interim**  
13 **legislative committees related to child welfare regarding the study conducted in accordance**  
14 **with subsection (1) of this section.**

15 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on January 1, 2019.**

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

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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.