

Enrolled
Senate Bill 942

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to child safety; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2017 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 419B.005 to 419B.050.

SECTION 2. (1) An investigation conducted under ORS 419B.020 must conclude in one of the following findings:

- (a) That the report of child abuse is founded;
- (b) That the report of child abuse is unfounded; or
- (c) That the report of child abuse cannot be determined.

(2) All investigations conducted under ORS 419B.020 must be conducted in accordance with ORS 419B.005 to 419B.050 and result in the findings described in subsection (1) of this section until all of the following criteria have been met:

- (a) The child welfare workload model for the Department of Human Services is staffed at 95 percent or greater;
- (b) A centralized, statewide child abuse hotline has been established and in operation for at least six consecutive months;
- (c) The department has completed investigations within timelines mandated by law and rule at least 90 percent of the time for at least six consecutive months;
- (d) The department has conducted in-person contacts with children who are the subject of reports of child abuse, as mandated by law and rule, in at least 90 percent of the reports of child abuse for at least six consecutive months; and
- (e) The reabuse rate for children in this state is below the national average.

SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2017 Act applies to investigations pending or commenced on or after the effective date of this 2017 Act.

SECTION 4. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect on its passage.

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