

Requested by Senator GELSER

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 942**

1 Delete lines 4 through 14 of the printed bill and insert:

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

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

6 **“(a) That the report of child abuse is founded;**

7 **“(b) That the report of child abuse is unfounded; or**

8 **“(c) That the report of child abuse cannot be determined.**

9 **“(2) All investigations conducted under ORS 419B.020 must be con-**
10 **ducted in accordance with ORS 419B.005 to 419B.050 and result in the**
11 **findings described in subsection (1) of this section until all of the fol-**
12 **lowing criteria have been met:**

13 **“(a) The child welfare workload model for the Department of Hu-**
14 **man Services is staffed at 95 percent or greater;**

15 **“(b) A centralized, statewide child abuse hotline has been estab-**
16 **lished and in operation for at least six consecutive months;**

17 **“(c) The department has completed investigations within timelines**
18 **mandated by law and rule at least 90 percent of the time for at least**
19 **six consecutive months;**

20 **“(d) The department has conducted in-person contacts with children**
21 **who are the subject of reports of child abuse, as mandated by law and**

1 rule, in at least 90 percent of the reports of child abuse for at least six
2 consecutive months; and

3 “(e) The reabuse rate for children in this state is below the national
4 average.

5 **“SECTION 3. When a child or ward five years of age or older is in
6 the legal custody of the Department of Human Services as provided in
7 ORS 418.015 or 419B.337 and has been placed in substitute care, the
8 department shall conduct an exit interview with the child or ward
9 within 14 days of removing the child or ward from the placement,
10 whether the removal is for the purpose of reunification with the family
11 of the child or ward, a different substitute care placement, adoption
12 or other reason for termination of wardship under ORS 419B.328. The
13 exit interview must assess, at a minimum, the following:**

14 **“(1) The child’s or ward’s perception of the safety of the placement;**

15 **“(2) Extracurricular activities that the child or ward participated
16 in while in the placement, including the frequency of participation and
17 whether transportation was provided for the child or ward;**

18 **“(3) Whether the child or ward would be permitted to leave the
19 placement with all of the personal belongings of the child or ward;**

20 **“(4) Improvements the child or ward believes should be made to the
21 placement;**

22 **“(5) Strengths of the placement;**

23 **“(6) Whether the child or ward experienced any physical discipline
24 during the placement and, if so, the nature of the physical discipline;
25 and**

26 **“(7) Whether the child or ward experienced physical or sexual abuse
27 or neglect during the placement.**

28 **“SECTION 4. (1) Section 2 of this 2017 Act applies to investigations
29 pending or commenced on or after the effective date of this 2017 Act.**

30 **“(2) Section 3 of this 2017 Act applies to children or wards removed**

1 from placements by the Department of Human Services on or after the
2 operative date specified in section 5 of this 2017 Act.

3 **“SECTION 5. Section 3 of this 2017 Act becomes operative on Jan-**
4 **uary 1, 2018.**

5 **“SECTION 6. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate**
6 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**
7 **declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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