

Requested by Representative NATHANSON

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2401**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after the semicolon insert “creating new
2 provisions;” and after “418.751” insert “; and declaring an emergency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 26 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1.** ORS 418.751 is amended to read:

5 “418.751. (1) The Department of Human Services, as provided in ORS
6 418.702, and the Department of Justice shall ensure that training and edu-
7 cation are provided for persons, other than law enforcement officers, who are
8 required to investigate allegations of child abuse.

9 **“(2)(a) The Department of Human Services shall provide trauma-**
10 **informed training for employees within the department who are re-**
11 **sponsible for licensing, certifying or otherwise authorizing child-caring**
12 **agencies and foster homes and for employees who investigate such**
13 **agencies and homes. The training provided under this subsection must**
14 **include the following:**

15 **“(A) Interview models and practices that are informed by policy,**
16 **research and practice guidelines, with an emphasis on avoiding**
17 **retraumatization by interview;**

18 **“(B) Recognizing characteristic signs and symptoms of child trau-**
19 **matic stress in children of different developmental ages and cultural**
20 **backgrounds;**

21 **“(C) The impact of trauma on a child’s safety, permanency and**

1 well-being;

2 “(D) Using and administering trauma-informed assessment tools,
3 instruments and practice strategies;

4 “(E) Collection of information on a child’s trauma history;

5 “(F) Techniques that promote children’s recovery and resiliency;
6 and

7 “(G) Methods for improving placement stability by reducing the
8 number of placements, shortening length of stays in care and reducing
9 the number of placement moves.

10 “(b) Subject to the availability of funds, the Director of Human
11 Services may extend trauma-informed training to other persons in the
12 child welfare system including caseworkers, foster parents, parents,
13 medical examiners and educators.

14 “(3) The Department of Human Services shall work to develop a
15 written set of guidelines for trauma-informed practices for department
16 employees who work with programs for children that can be shared
17 with other entities, including but not limited to the Oregon Health
18 Authority, the Oregon Youth Authority and the Board on Public
19 Safety Standards and Training.

20 “[2)] (4) The Department of Human Services and the Department of Jus-
21 tice shall work with the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training to
22 ensure that the training that is offered to persons under subsection (1) of this
23 section and ORS 418.702 is coordinated with the training given to law
24 enforcement officers.

25 **“SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-
26 ation, there is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for
27 the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, out of the General Fund, the
28 amount of \$_____ for the purpose of developing a written set of
29 guidelines for trauma-informed practices for department employees
30 under ORS 418.751 (3).**

1 **SECTION 3. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate**
2 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**
3 **declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect July 1, 2017.”.**

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