House Bill 2994

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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 as introduced.

Permits school board to designate staff member to receive mandatory child abuse reports.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to child abuse reporting.

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

SECTION 1. (1) Each school board may:

(a) Designate a school employee, and an alternate school employee in the event the designated person is the suspected abuser, to receive reports of suspected abuse; and

(b) Specify the procedures to be followed by a person designated under this section upon receipt of an abuse report.

(2) The school board shall ensure that a person designated under this section:

(a) Receives training consistent with the training provided to employees or designees of the Department of Human Services who receive reports of suspected abuse under ORS 419B.015; and

(b) Is an active member of a local multidisciplinary child abuse team.

(3) A person designated under this section shall report all reports of child abuse the person receives under subsection (1) of this section to the department or to a law enforcement agency as described in ORS 419B.015.

(4) A person designated under this section is not authorized to conduct any investigations into reported child abuse.

(5) If a school employee is required by ORS 419B.010 to make a report of suspected child abuse, the school employee shall make the report to:

(a) The person designated in this section; and

(b) The department or a law enforcement agency as required under ORS 419B.015.

(6) As used in this section, “abuse,” “school board” and “school employee” have the meanings given those terms in ORS 339.370.

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.

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