A-Bill for an Act

Relating to instruction on the prevention of sex trafficking of children; creating new provisions; amending ORS 336.059; and prescribing an effective date.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 336.059 is amended to read:

336.059. (1) Each school district board shall adopt a child sexual abuse and sex trafficking prevention instructional program for students in kindergarten through grade 12.

(2) School districts must include in the program:

(a) Developmentally appropriate, culturally sensitive and evidence-based instruction for each grade level;

(b) A minimum of four instructional sessions per school year, with each year’s instruction building on the previous year’s instruction;

(c) Age-appropriate curriculum [including role-playing, discussion, activities and books to educate students] regarding child sexual abuse [prevention;] and sex trafficking prevention that includes:

(A) Role-playing, discussion, activities and books; and

(B) For sex trafficking prevention, information about the prevalence and nature of sex trafficking, strategies to reduce the risk of sex and familial trafficking, strategies to reduce the risk of peer recruitment and online solicitation, techniques to set healthy boundaries and methods for safely seeking assistance;

(d) Instruction providing students with the knowledge and tools to communicate incidents of sexual abuse and sex trafficking;

(e) Instruction regarding “safe touch,” “unsafe touch,” “safe secrets,” “unsafe secrets,” and how to escape and report a sexual abuse or sex trafficking situation;

(f) Techniques to recognize child sexual abuse or sex trafficking, skills to reduce vulnerability and encouragement to report child sexual abuse and sex trafficking;

(g) An evaluation component with measurable outcomes;

(h) A professional training component for administrators, teachers and other school personnel regarding communicating child sexual abuse and sex trafficking prevention techniques to students,

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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effects of child sexual abuse and sex trafficking on children, receiving child sexual abuse and sex trafficking reports and disclosures and mandated reporting; and

(i) A parental involvement component to inform parents about child sexual abuse and sex trafficking topics, including characteristics of offenders and traffickers, “grooming” behaviors and how to discuss child sexual abuse and sex trafficking prevention with children.

(3) Information provided in subsection (2) of this section related to the reporting of sex trafficking shall incorporate efforts to coordinate counties, local agencies and other stakeholders through agreed-upon protocols for reporting child sex trafficking.

[(3)] (4) Program instruction may be delivered by instructors including teachers, school counselors and outside agency prevention educators, provided the instructors have knowledge of and training in child sexual abuse and sex trafficking prevention.

SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 336.059 by section 1 of this 2019 Act first apply to the 2020-2021 school year.

SECTION 3. This 2019 Act takes effect on July 1, 2020.