

Enrolled
Senate Bill 386

Sponsored by Senators DEMBROW, LIEBER; Representative SCHOUTEN (Presession filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to interviews of child witnesses; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. (1) No later than January 1, 2022, county sheriffs, municipal police departments, police departments established by a university under ORS 352.121 and 353.125 and the Oregon State Police shall develop comprehensive policies regarding parental notification of the interview of a child witness. A policy developed under this section may prioritize child safety, consistent with state and federal law.

(2) Each county sheriff, municipal police department and police department established by a university and the Oregon State Police shall submit a report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary no later than September 15, 2022, regarding the policies developed under this section.

(3) As used in this section, "child witness" means an unmarried person who is under 18 years of age and who is not the victim of, suspect in or related to the suspect in a child welfare, criminal or delinquency investigation.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2023.

SECTION 3. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

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