Senate Bill 473

Sponsored by Senator HANSELL (Presession filed.)

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.

Directs school district board to adopt prevention curriculum that addresses child sex trafficking. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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 child sex trafficking prevention [instructional program] curriculum 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 and child sex trafficking prevention;

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

(e) Instruction regarding “safe touch,” “unsafe touch,” [“safe secrets,” “unsafe secrets,” and how to escape and report a sexual abuse situation] “safe secrets” and “unsafe secrets” and how to set healthy boundaries;

(f) Techniques for how to escape and report a sexual abuse or child sex trafficking situation;

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

[(g) (h)] (h) An evaluation component with measurable outcomes;

[(h) (i)] (i) A professional training component for administrators, teachers and other school personnel regarding:

(A) Communicating child sexual abuse and child sex trafficking prevention techniques to students[.];

(B) Understanding the effects of child sexual abuse and child sex trafficking on children[.];

(C) Making and receiving child sexual abuse and child sex trafficking reports and disclosures and mandated reporting; and

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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(D) Coordinating with relevant state and local agencies on reporting and procedural protocols;

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

(k) The prevalence, nature and strategies used for child sex trafficking, including peer recruitment, familial trafficking and online solicitation.

(3) 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 child sex trafficking prevention.

SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 336.059 by section 1 of this 2023 Act first apply to the 2023-2024 school year.

SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect July 1, 2023.