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Senate Bill 745

Ordered by the Senate March 13
Including Senate Amendments dated March 13

Sponsored by Senators TAYLOR, MANNING JR

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.

Directs county juvenile department to ensure that specified youth or adjudicated youth [taken into custody] receives sex trafficking screening. Requires that youth or adjudicated youth suspected of being victim of sex trafficking be [provided with] referred to appropriate resources, including special advocate. Directs Department of Justice to develop and provide training on standardized screening tool.

Directs department [of Justice] to develop and provide mandatory training about sex trafficking to staff of state agencies and county juvenile departments who work with youths or adjudicated youths.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to sex trafficking; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 419C.

SECTION 2. (1) As soon as practicable after a youth or adjudicated youth is taken into custody under this chapter or, if the youth or adjudicated youth is not taken into custody, at the point of intake, a county juvenile department shall ensure that the youth or adjudicated youth is screened to determine whether the youth or adjudicated youth is a victim of sex trafficking. If the screening indicates that the youth or adjudicated youth is or has been a victim of sex trafficking, the screener shall immediately report the suspected sex trafficking as required under ORS 419B.010 and the county juvenile department shall ensure that the youth or adjudicated youth is referred to appropriate resources, including access to a special advocate.

(2) The Department of Justice:

(a) In consultation with the advisory committee appointed by the department under ORS 147.480, the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Youth Authority, shall maintain and make available to each county juvenile department a regularly updated list of referral resources.

(b) In consultation with the advisory committee appointed by the Department of Justice under ORS 147.480, shall develop and provide training on the use of a standardized screening tool required to be used by a county juvenile department in carrying out the county juvenile department’s duties under this section.

(3) Each county juvenile department shall ensure that all staff of the county juvenile department who work directly with youths or adjudicated youths complete the screening tool
training developed by the Department of Justice under this section.

SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section:
(a) “Adjudicated youth” has the meaning given that term in ORS 419A.004.
(b) “State agency” means any state officer, board, commission, bureau or department, or division thereof, in the executive branch of state government.
(c) “Youth” has the meaning given that term in ORS 419A.004.
(2)(a) The Department of Justice, in consultation with the advisory committee appointed by the department under ORS 147.480, shall develop a one-hour virtual training on sex trafficking.
(b) The department shall make the training developed under this subsection available at no cost to state agencies and county juvenile departments that work with youths and adjudicated youths.
(3) A state agency shall ensure that all staff of the state agency who work with youths and adjudicated youths complete the training developed under subsection (2) of this section at least once every two years.
(4) A county juvenile department shall ensure that all staff of the county juvenile department who work with youths and adjudicated youths complete the training developed under subsection (2) of this section at least once every two years.

SECTION 4. No later than December 31, 2025, the advisory committee appointed by the Department of Justice under ORS 147.480 shall submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to human services, in the manner described in ORS 192.245, describing:
(1) How many screenings under section 2 of this 2023 Act were conducted between January 1, 2024, and December 1, 2025;
(2) The number of victims of sex trafficking who were identified as a result of the screenings described in subsection (1) of this section;
(3) The types of resources to which the victims described in subsection (2) of this section were referred; and
(4) Any gaps in resources available to victims of sex trafficking that were identified by the advisory committee.

SECTION 5. (1) No later than January 1, 2024, the Department of Justice shall make the referral resource list, screening tool and training described in section 2 of this 2023 Act available to county juvenile departments.
(2) No later than July 1, 2024, a county juvenile department shall ensure that all staff of the county juvenile department who work directly with youths and adjudicated youths have completed the screening tool training developed by the Department of Justice under section 2 of this 2023 Act.
(3) No later than January 1, 2025, the Department of Justice shall develop and begin providing the training described in section 3 of this 2023 Act.
(4) No later than January 1, 2026, and every two years thereafter, state agencies and county juvenile departments shall ensure that employees described in section 3 (3) and (4) of this 2023 Act have completed the training developed by the Department of Justice under section 3 of this 2023 Act.

SECTION 6. Sections 4 and 5 of this 2023 Act are repealed on January 2, 2026.

SECTION 7. (1)(a) Section 2 of this 2023 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2024.
(b) Section 3 of this 2023 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2025.

(2) The Department of Justice, the advisory committee appointed by the department under ORS 147.480, the Department of Human Services, the Oregon Youth Authority and a county juvenile department may take any action before the operative dates specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary for the departments, the advisory committee or the authority to exercise, on and after the operative dates specified in subsection (1) of this section, the duties, functions and powers conferred on the departments, the advisory committee and the authority by sections 2 and 3 of this 2023 Act.

SECTION 8. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.