Senate Bill 745
Sponsored by Senator TAYLOR

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 juvenile department to ensure that youth taken into custody receives sex trafficking screening. Requires that youth suspected of being victim of sex trafficking be provided with appropriate resources, including special advocate.

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.

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. As soon as practicable after a youth is taken into custody under this chapter, the juvenile department shall ensure that the youth is screened to determine whether the youth is a victim of sex trafficking. If the screening indicates that the 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 department shall ensure that the youth receives appropriate resources, including access to a special advocate, as determined by the Department of Justice, in consultation with the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Youth Authority.

SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section:
(a) “State agency” means any state officer, board, commission, bureau or department, or division thereof, in the executive branch of state government.
(b) “Youth” has the meaning given that term in ORS 419A.004.
(2) The Department of Justice shall develop and provide training about sex trafficking to state agencies and county juvenile departments that work with youths.
(3) A state agency shall ensure that all staff of the state agency who work with youths complete the training developed under subsection (2) of this section.
(4) A county juvenile department shall ensure that all staff of the county juvenile department who work with youths complete the training developed under subsection (2) of this section.

SECTION 4. 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.

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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