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Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD AND HUMAN SERVICES (at the request of Representative Annessa Hartman)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 4059**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “409.185,” insert “418.259,”.

2 Delete line 3 and insert “419B.020 and 419B.026; and declaring an emer-
3 gency.”.

4 Delete lines 5 through 25 and delete pages 2 through 12 and insert:
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6 **“THREATENED HARM**

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8 **“SECTION 1.** ORS 419B.005 is amended to read:

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10 quires otherwise:

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12 “(A) Any assault, as defined in ORS chapter 163, of a child and any
13 physical injury to a child that has been caused by other than accidental
14 means, including any injury that appears to be at variance with the expla-
15 nation given of the injury.

16 “(B) Any mental injury to a child, which shall include only cruel or
17 unconscionable acts or statements made, or threatened to be made, to a child
18 if the acts, statements or threats result in severe harm to the child’s psy-
19 chological, cognitive, emotional or social well-being and functioning.

20 “(C) Rape of a child, which includes but is not limited to rape, sodomy,
21 unlawful sexual penetration and incest, as those acts are described in ORS

1 chapter 163.

2 “(D) Sexual abuse[, *as described in ORS chapter 163.*] **of a child or**
3 **placing a child at substantial risk of sexual abuse.**

4 “(E) Sexual exploitation, including but not limited to:

5 “(i) Contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor, as defined in ORS
6 chapter 163, and any other conduct that allows, employs, authorizes, permits,
7 induces or encourages a child to engage in the performing for people to ob-
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9 in whole or in part, depicts sexual conduct or contact, as defined in ORS
10 167.002 or described in ORS 163.665 and 163.670, sexual abuse involving a
11 child or rape of a child, but not including any conduct that is part of any
12 investigation conducted pursuant to ORS 419B.020 or that is designed to
13 serve educational or other legitimate purposes; and

14 “(ii) Allowing, permitting, encouraging or hiring a child to engage in
15 prostitution as described in ORS 167.007 or a commercial sex act as defined
16 in ORS 163.266, to purchase sex with a minor as described in ORS 163.413
17 or to engage in commercial sexual solicitation as described in ORS 167.008.

18 “(F) Negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child, including but not
19 limited to the failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter or medical
20 care that is likely to endanger the health or welfare of the child.

21 “[*(G) Threatened harm to a child, which means subjecting a child to a*
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24 **to a risk of severe harm to the child’s health or welfare if the harm**
25 **is reasonably likely to occur in the near future.**

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28 “(I) Permitting a person under 18 years of age to enter or remain in or
29 upon premises where methamphetamines are being manufactured.

30 “(J) Unlawful exposure to a controlled substance, as defined in ORS

1 475.005, or to the unlawful manufacturing of a cannabinoid extract, as de-
2 fined in ORS 475C.009, that subjects a child to a substantial risk of harm to
3 the child's health or safety.

4 "(K) The restraint or seclusion of a child in violation of ORS 339.285,
5 339.288, 339.291, 339.303 or 339.308.

6 "(L) The infliction of corporal punishment on a child in violation of ORS
7 339.250 (9).

8 **"(M) Causing a child to witness:**

9 **"(i) The abuse of the child's sibling or another child in the child's**
10 **household; or**

11 **"(ii) Domestic violence as defined in ORS 135.230 involving the**
12 **child's parent or another person in the child's household.**

13 "(b) 'Abuse' does not include reasonable discipline unless the discipline
14 results in one of the conditions described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

15 "(2) 'Child' means an unmarried person who:

16 "(a) Is under 18 years of age; or

17 "(b) Is a child in care, as defined in ORS 418.257.

18 "(3) 'Higher education institution' means:

19 "(a) A community college as defined in ORS 341.005;

20 "(b) A public university listed in ORS 352.002;

21 "(c) The Oregon Health and Science University; and

22 "(d) A private institution of higher education located in Oregon.

23 "(4)(a) 'Investigation' means a detailed inquiry into or assessment of the
24 safety of a child alleged to have experienced abuse.

25 "(b) 'Investigation' does not include screening activities conducted upon
26 the receipt of a report.

27 "(5) 'Law enforcement agency' means:

28 "(a) A city or municipal police department.

29 "(b) A county sheriff's office.

30 "(c) The Oregon State Police.

1 “(d) A police department established by a university under ORS 352.121
2 or 353.125.

3 “(e) A county juvenile department.

4 “(6) ‘Public or private official’ means:

5 “(a) Physician or physician associate licensed under ORS chapter 677 or
6 naturopathic physician, including any intern or resident.

7 “(b) Dentist.

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11 aide, home health aide or employee of an in-home health service.

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13 thority, Department of Early Learning and Care, Department of Education,
14 Youth Development Division, the Oregon Youth Authority, a local health
15 department, a community mental health program, a community develop-
16 mental disabilities program, a county juvenile department, a child-caring
17 agency as that term is defined in ORS 418.205 or an alcohol and drug treat-
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2 329A.450.

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4 agency, board, commission or department of a branch of government of this
5 state or of a city, county or other political subdivision in this state.

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18 services or activities:

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25 vision or auspices of a religious, public or private educational system or a
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21 163.**

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26 163.**

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28 **“CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS**

29

30 **“SECTION 3.** ORS 419B.015 is amended to read:

1 “419B.015. (1)(a) A person making a voluntary report of child abuse shall
2 make an oral report to the Department of Human Services by telephone to
3 the child abuse reporting hotline described in ORS 418.190 or to a law
4 enforcement agency within the county where the person making the report
5 is located at the time of the contact. A person making a report of child abuse
6 that is required by ORS 419B.010 shall make the report to the department
7 through the centralized child abuse reporting system described in ORS
8 418.190 or to a law enforcement agency within the county where the person
9 making the report is located at the time of the contact. The report must
10 contain, if known, the names and addresses of the child and the parents of
11 the child or other persons responsible for care of the child, the child’s age,
12 the nature and extent of the abuse, including any evidence of previous abuse,
13 the explanation given for the abuse and any other information that the per-
14 son making the report believes might be helpful in establishing the cause of
15 the abuse and the identity of the perpetrator.

16 “(b)(A) When a report of alleged child abuse is received by the depart-
17 ment, the department shall notify a law enforcement agency within the
18 county where the alleged abuse occurred or, if that county is unknown, the
19 county where the child resides or, if that county is unknown, the county
20 where the reporter came into contact with the child or the alleged
21 perpetrator of the abuse.

22 “(B) When a report of alleged child abuse is received by a law enforce-
23 ment agency, the agency shall notify the department by making a report of
24 the alleged child abuse to the centralized child abuse reporting system de-
25 scribed in ORS 418.190.

26 “(c) When a report of alleged child abuse is received by the department
27 or by a law enforcement agency, the department or law enforcement agency,
28 or both, may collect information concerning the military status of the parent
29 or guardian of the child who is the subject of the report and may share the
30 information with the appropriate military authorities. Disclosure of infor-

1 mation under this paragraph is subject to ORS 419B.035 (7).

2 **“(d) When a report of alleged child abuse is received by the de-**
3 **partment or by a law enforcement agency, the department or law**
4 **enforcement agency, or both, shall make the following notifications:**

5 **“(A) To the Department of Early Learning and Care, if the alleged**
6 **child abuse occurred in a child care facility as defined in ORS 329A.250;**
7 **or**

8 **“(B) To the Department of Education, if the alleged child abuse**
9 **occurred in a school, was related to a school-sponsored activity or was**
10 **conduct that may be subject to actions taken by the Department of**
11 **Education under ORS 339.370 to 339.400.**

12 **“(2) When a report of alleged child abuse is received under subsection**
13 **(1)(a) of this section, the entity receiving the report shall make the notifi-**
14 **cation required by subsection (1)(b) of this section according to rules adopted**
15 **by the Department of Human Services under ORS 419B.017.**

16 **“(3)(a) When a report alleging that a child or ward in substitute care may**
17 **have been subjected to abuse is received by the department, the department**
18 **shall notify the attorney for the child or ward, the child’s or ward’s court**
19 **appointed special advocate, the parents of the child or ward and any attorney**
20 **representing a parent of the child or ward that a report has been received.**

21 **“(b) The name and address of and other identifying information about the**
22 **person who made the report may not be disclosed under this subsection. Any**
23 **person or entity to whom notification is made under this subsection may not**
24 **release any information not authorized by this subsection.**

25 **“(c) The department shall make the notification required by this sub-**
26 **section within three business days of receiving the report of alleged child**
27 **abuse.**

28 **“(d) Notwithstanding the obligation imposed by this subsection, the de-**
29 **partment is not required under this subsection to notify the parent or**
30 **parent’s attorney that a report of alleged child abuse has been received if the**

1 notification may interfere with an investigation or assessment or jeopardize
2 the child's or ward's safety.

3 **“SECTION 4.** ORS 419B.020 is amended to read:

4 “419B.020. (1) If the Department of Human Services or a law enforcement
5 agency receives a report of child abuse, the department or the agency shall
6 immediately[:]

7 “[*a*] cause an investigation to be made to determine the nature and
8 cause of the abuse of the child. [; *and*]

9 “[*b*] *Make the following notifications:*]

10 “[*A*] *To the Department of Early Learning and Care if the alleged child*
11 *abuse occurred in a child care facility as defined in ORS 329A.250; or]*

12 “[*B*] *To the Department of Education if the alleged child abuse occurred*
13 *in a school, was related to a school-sponsored activity or was conduct that may*
14 *be subject to actions taken by the Department of Education under ORS 339.370*
15 *to 339.400.]*

16 “(2) The Department of Human Services shall ensure that an investigation
17 required by subsection (1) of this section is completed if the report is not
18 investigated by a law enforcement agency.

19 “(3) If the alleged child abuse [*reported*] **described** in subsection (1) of
20 this section occurred at a child care facility or in a school, was related to
21 a school-sponsored activity or was conduct that may be subject to actions
22 taken by the Department of Education under ORS 339.370 to 339.400:

23 “(a) The Department of Human Services and the law enforcement agency
24 shall jointly determine the roles and responsibilities of the Department of
25 Human Services and the agency in their respective investigations; and

26 “(b) The Department of Human Services and the agency shall each report
27 the outcomes of their investigations:

28 “(A) To the Department of Early Learning and Care if the alleged child
29 abuse occurred in a child care facility as defined in ORS 329A.250; or

30 “(B) To the Department of Education if the alleged child abuse:

1 “(i) Occurred in a school;
2 “(ii) Was related to a school-sponsored activity; or
3 “(iii) Was conduct that may be subject to actions taken by the Depart-
4 ment of Education under ORS 339.370 to 339.400.

5 **“(4) Notwithstanding subsections (1) to (3) of this section, the De-
6 partment of Human Services is required under this section to investi-
7 gate a report of child abuse only if the alleged perpetrator of the
8 abuse:**

9 **“(a) Is the child’s parent, legal guardian, legal custodian or Indian
10 custodian;**

11 **“(b) Has attained 18 years of age and:**

12 **“(A) Lives in the child’s home;**

13 **“(B) Has access to the child based on the person’s relationship to
14 the child’s parent, guardian, custodian, household member or
15 caregiver or to any other person who may have authority or control
16 over the child;**

17 **“(C) Is in a role, position or occupation in which the person has
18 access to, responsibility for, power over or the trust of the child;**

19 **“(D) Has been accused of subjecting the child to involuntary
20 servitude, as described in ORS 163.263 or 163.264, or trafficking, as de-
21 scribed in ORS 163.266; or**

22 **“(E) Is determined by the department to be an individual from
23 whom the department can, consistent with ORS 409.185, safeguard the
24 child against further abuse through the provision of child protective
25 services;**

26 **“(c) Is under 18 years of age and:**

27 **“(A) Is in a role, position or occupation in which the person has
28 access to, responsibility for, power over or the trust of the child; or**

29 **“(B) Has been accused of subjecting the child to severe harm as
30 defined in ORS 419B.150 or sexual abuse as described in ORS 419B.005**

1 **(1)(a)(D);**

2 **“(d) Is a child care facility, as defined in ORS 329A.250; or**

3 **“(e) Is an education provider, as defined in ORS 339.370.**

4 **“[(4)] (5) [If the law enforcement agency conducting the investigation] If a**
5 **law enforcement agency conducting an investigation under this sec-**
6 **tion** finds reasonable cause to believe that abuse has occurred, the law
7 enforcement agency shall notify the Department of Human Services by mak-
8 ing an oral report followed by a written report to the centralized child abuse
9 reporting system described in ORS 418.190. The department shall provide
10 protective social services of its own or of other available social agencies if
11 necessary to prevent further abuses to the child or to safeguard the child’s
12 welfare.

13 **“[(5)] (6)** If a child is taken into protective custody by the Department
14 of Human Services, the department shall promptly make reasonable efforts
15 to ascertain the name and address of the child’s parents or guardian.

16 **“[(6)(a)] (7)(a)** If a child is taken into protective custody by the Depart-
17 ment of Human Services or a law enforcement official, the department or law
18 enforcement official shall, if possible, make reasonable efforts to advise the
19 parents or guardian immediately, regardless of the time of day, that the child
20 has been taken into custody, the reasons the child has been taken into cus-
21 tody and general information about the child’s placement, and the telephone
22 number of the local office of the department and any after-hours telephone
23 numbers.

24 **“(b)** Notice may be given by any means reasonably certain of notifying
25 the parents or guardian, including but not limited to written, telephonic or
26 in-person oral notification. If the initial notification is not in writing, the
27 information required by paragraph (a) of this subsection also shall be pro-
28 vided to the parents or guardian in writing as soon as possible.

29 **“(c)** The department also shall make a reasonable effort to notify the
30 noncustodial parent of the information required by paragraph (a) of this

1 subsection in a timely manner.

2 “(d) If a child is taken into custody while under the care and supervision
3 of a person or organization other than the parent, the department, if possible,
4 shall immediately notify the person or organization that the child has been
5 taken into protective custody.

6 “[~~(7)~~] **(8)(a)** If a law enforcement officer or the Department of Human
7 Services, when taking a child into protective custody, has reasonable cause
8 to believe that the child has been affected by [*sexual abuse and*] rape **or**
9 **sexual abuse** of a child as defined in ORS 419B.005 (1)(a)(C) **or (D)** and that
10 physical evidence of the abuse exists and is likely to disappear, the court
11 may authorize a physical examination for the purposes of preserving evidence
12 if the court finds that it is in the best interest of the child to have such an
13 examination.

14 “**(b)** Nothing in this [*section*] **subsection** affects the authority of the de-
15 partment to consent to physical examinations of the child at other times.

16 “[~~(8)~~] **(c)** [*A minor child of 12 years of age or older*] **If the child has at-**
17 **tained 12 years of age, the child** may refuse to consent to the examination
18 described in **this** subsection [*(7) of this section*].

19 “**(d)** The examination shall be conducted by or under the supervision of
20 **an individual who is** a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677, a physi-
21 cian associate licensed under ORS 677.505 to 677.525 or a nurse practitioner
22 licensed under ORS chapter 678 and, whenever practicable, **who is** trained
23 in conducting such examinations.

24 “(9) When the Department of Human Services completes an investigation
25 under this section, if the person who made the report of child abuse provided
26 contact information to the department, the department shall notify the per-
27 son about whether contact with the child was made, whether the department
28 determined that child abuse occurred and whether services will be provided.
29 The department is not required to disclose information under this subsection
30 if the department determines that disclosure is not permitted under ORS

1 419B.035.

2 “(10) When the Department of Education receives a notification under
3 [subsection (1) of this section] **ORS 419B.015** or a report on the outcomes of
4 an investigation under subsection (3) of this section, the Department of Ed-
5 ucation shall act under, and is subject to, ORS 339.389.

6 **“SECTION 4a.** ORS 419B.020, as amended by section 4 of this 2026 Act,
7 is amended to read:

8 “419B.020. (1) If the Department of Human Services or a law enforcement
9 agency receives a report of child abuse, the department or the agency shall
10 immediately cause an investigation to be made to determine the nature and
11 cause of the abuse of the child.

12 “(2) The Department of Human Services shall ensure that an investigation
13 required by subsection (1) of this section is completed if the report is not
14 investigated by a law enforcement agency.

15 “(3) If the alleged child abuse described in subsection (1) of this section
16 occurred at a child care facility or in a school, was related to a school-
17 sponsored activity or was conduct that may be subject to actions taken by
18 the Department of Education under ORS 339.370 to 339.400:

19 “(a) The Department of Human Services and the law enforcement agency
20 shall jointly determine the roles and responsibilities of the Department of
21 Human Services and the agency in their respective investigations; and

22 “(b) The Department of Human Services and the agency shall each report
23 the outcomes of their investigations:

24 “(A) To the Department of Early Learning and Care if the alleged child
25 abuse occurred in a child care facility as defined in ORS 329A.250; or

26 “(B) To the Department of Education if the alleged child abuse:

27 “(i) Occurred in a school;

28 “(ii) Was related to a school-sponsored activity; or

29 “(iii) Was conduct that may be subject to actions taken by the Depart-
30 ment of Education under ORS 339.370 to 339.400.

1 “(4) Notwithstanding subsections (1) to (3) of this section, the Department
2 of Human Services is required under this section to investigate a report of
3 child abuse only if the alleged perpetrator of the abuse:

4 “(a) Is the child’s parent, legal guardian, legal custodian or Indian
5 custodian;

6 “(b) Has attained 18 years of age and:

7 “(A) Lives in the child’s home;

8 “(B) Has access to the child based on the person’s relationship to the
9 child’s parent, guardian, custodian, household member or caregiver or to any
10 other person who may have authority or control over the child;

11 “(C) Is in a role, position or occupation in which the person has access
12 to, responsibility for, power over or the trust of the child;

13 “(D) Has been accused of subjecting the child to involuntary servitude,
14 as described in ORS 163.263 or 163.264, or trafficking, as described in ORS
15 163.266; or

16 “(E) Is determined by the department to be an individual from whom the
17 department can, consistent with ORS 409.185, safeguard the child against
18 further abuse through the provision of child protective services;

19 “(c) Is under 18 years of age and:

20 “(A) Is in a role, position or occupation in which the person has access
21 to, responsibility for, power over or the trust of the child; or

22 “(B) Has been accused of subjecting the child to severe harm [*as defined*
23 *in ORS 419B.150*] or sexual abuse [*as described in ORS 419B.005 (1)(a)(D)*];

24 “(d) Is a child care facility, as defined in ORS 329A.250; or

25 “(e) Is an education provider, as defined in ORS 339.370.

26 “(5) If a law enforcement agency conducting an investigation under this
27 section finds reasonable cause to believe that abuse has occurred, the law
28 enforcement agency shall notify the Department of Human Services by mak-
29 ing an oral report followed by a written report to the centralized child abuse
30 reporting system described in ORS 418.190. The department shall provide

1 protective social services of its own or of other available social agencies if
2 necessary to prevent further abuses to the child or to safeguard the child's
3 welfare.

4 “(6) If a child is taken into protective custody by the Department of Hu-
5 man Services, the department shall promptly make reasonable efforts to as-
6 certain the name and address of the child's parents or guardian.

7 “(7)(a) If a child is taken into protective custody by the Department of
8 Human Services or a law enforcement official, the department or law
9 enforcement official shall, if possible, make reasonable efforts to advise the
10 parents or guardian immediately, regardless of the time of day, that the child
11 has been taken into custody, the reasons the child has been taken into cus-
12 tody and general information about the child's placement, and the telephone
13 number of the local office of the department and any after-hours telephone
14 numbers.

15 “(b) Notice may be given by any means reasonably certain of notifying
16 the parents or guardian, including but not limited to written, telephonic or
17 in-person oral notification. If the initial notification is not in writing, the
18 information required by paragraph (a) of this subsection also shall be pro-
19 vided to the parents or guardian in writing as soon as possible.

20 “(c) The department also shall make a reasonable effort to notify the
21 noncustodial parent of the information required by paragraph (a) of this
22 subsection in a timely manner.

23 “(d) If a child is taken into custody while under the care and supervision
24 of a person or organization other than the parent, the department, if possible,
25 shall immediately notify the person or organization that the child has been
26 taken into protective custody.

27 “(8)(a) If a law enforcement officer or the Department of Human Services,
28 when taking a child into protective custody, has reasonable cause to believe
29 that the child has been affected by rape or sexual abuse of a child as defined
30 in ORS 419B.005 (1)(a)(C) or (D) and that physical evidence of the abuse ex-

1 ists and is likely to disappear, the court may authorize a physical examina-
2 tion for the purposes of preserving evidence if the court finds that it is in
3 the best interest of the child to have such an examination.

4 “(b) Nothing in this subsection affects the authority of the department to
5 consent to physical examinations of the child at other times.

6 “(c) If the child has attained 12 years of age, the child may refuse to
7 consent to the examination described in this subsection.

8 “(d) The examination shall be conducted by or under the supervision of
9 an individual who is a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677, a physician
10 associate licensed under ORS 677.505 to 677.525 or a nurse practitioner li-
11 censed under ORS chapter 678 and, whenever practicable, who is trained in
12 conducting such examinations.

13 “(9) When the Department of Human Services completes an investigation
14 under this section, if the person who made the report of child abuse provided
15 contact information to the department, the department shall notify the per-
16 son about whether contact with the child was made, whether the department
17 determined that child abuse occurred and whether services will be provided.
18 The department is not required to disclose information under this subsection
19 if the department determines that disclosure is not permitted under ORS
20 419B.035.

21 “(10) When the Department of Education receives a notification under
22 ORS 419B.015 or a report on the outcomes of an investigation under sub-
23 section (3) of this section, the Department of Education shall act under, and
24 is subject to, ORS 339.389.

25 **“SECTION 5.** ORS 339.389 is amended to read:

26 “339.389. (1) When the Department of Education receives from the De-
27 partment of Human Services notification of a report of abuse or receives a
28 report on the outcomes of an investigation of abuse, as provided by ORS
29 **419B.015**, 419B.019 or 419B.020, and the notification or report involves a
30 child and a person who is a school employee, contractor, agent or volunteer,

1 the Department of Education may notify, as soon as practicable, any educa-
2 tion provider that the Department of Education determines must be notified
3 to ensure the safety of children.

4 “(2) When providing notice to an education provider under subsection (1)
5 of this section, the Department of Education:

6 “(a) Shall include any information the department determines is necessary
7 to ensure the safety of children, including the name of the school and the
8 name of the person who allegedly committed the suspected abuse.

9 “(b) May not disclose the name and address of, or any other identifying
10 information about, the person who made the report of suspected abuse.

11 “(3) The Department of Education may provide information related to the
12 notification or report received as described in subsection (1) of this section
13 to the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission if the department de-
14 termines that:

15 “(a) The commission must be notified to ensure the safety of children; and

16 “(b) The notification or report involves a person who is licensed by the
17 commission.

18 “(4)(a) Notwithstanding ORS 192.311 to 192.478, any information received
19 as provided by this section is not a public record and is not subject to public
20 inspection.

21 “(b) Any person or entity who receives information under this section may
22 not release the information, unless as otherwise provided by law.

23 “(5) The State Board of Education may adopt rules for the purposes of
24 implementing this section.

25 **“SECTION 6.** ORS 409.185 is amended to read:

26 “409.185. (1) The Director of Human Services shall oversee the develop-
27 ment of standards and procedures for assessment, investigation and enforce-
28 ment of child protective services.

29 “(2)(a) The Department of Human Services shall take action to implement
30 the provision of child protective services as outlined in ORS 417.705 to

1 417.800 and based on the recommendations in the 1992 ‘Oregon Child Pro-
2 tective Services Performance Study’ published by the University of Southern
3 Maine.

4 “(b) In all substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect, the role of the
5 department is to complete a comprehensive family assessment of risk of
6 abuse or neglect, or both, assess service needs and provide immediate pro-
7 tective services as necessary.

8 “(c) The department shall provide remedial services needed to ensure the
9 safety of the child.

10 “(d) In all cases of child abuse and neglect for which a criminal investi-
11 gation is conducted, the role of law enforcement agencies is to provide a le-
12 gally sound, child sensitive investigation of whether abuse or neglect or both
13 have occurred and to gather other evidence and perform other responsibil-
14 ities in accordance with interagency agreements.

15 “(e) **Except as provided in ORS 419B.020**, the department and law
16 enforcement agencies shall conduct the investigation and assessment
17 concurrently[.]. **The investigations must be** based upon the protocols and
18 procedures of the county child abuse multidisciplinary team in each juris-
19 diction.

20 “(f) When the department and law enforcement agencies conduct a joint
21 investigation and assessment, the activities of the department and agencies
22 are to be clearly differentiated by the protocols of the county child abuse
23 multidisciplinary team.

24 “(g) Nothing in this subsection is intended to be inconsistent with ORS
25 418.702, 418.747 and 418.748 and ORS chapter 419B.

26 “(h) In all cases of child abuse for which an investigation is conducted,
27 the department shall provide a child’s parent, guardian or caregiver with a
28 clear written explanation of the investigation process, the court hearing
29 process and the rights of the parent, guardian or caregiver in the abuse in-
30 vestigation and in the court proceedings related to the abuse investigation.

1 “(3) Upon receipt of a recommendation of the Children’s Advocate under
2 ORS 417.815 (2)(e), the department shall implement the recommendation or
3 give the Children’s Advocate written notice of an intent not to implement
4 the recommendation.

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6 **“SUBSTANTIATION OF REPORTS OF CHILD ABUSE**

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8 **“SECTION 7. Section 8 of this 2026 Act is added to and made a part**
9 **of ORS 419B.005 to 419B.050.**

10 **“SECTION 8. If an investigation under ORS 419B.020 involves an**
11 **alleged perpetrator who was under 18 years of age at the time of the**
12 **reported abuse:**

13 **“(1) The investigation must conclude in one of the findings de-**
14 **scribed in ORS 419B.026 (1) if the alleged perpetrator:**

15 **“(a) Is the child’s parent;**

16 **“(b) At the time of the reported abuse, was in a role, position or**
17 **occupation in which the perpetrator had access to, responsibility for,**
18 **power over or the trust of the child; or**

19 **“(c) At the time of the reported abuse was at least 12 years of age**
20 **and more than four years older than the child.**

21 **“(2) The investigation may conclude in one of the findings described**
22 **in ORS 419B.026 (1) if:**

23 **“(a) At the time of the reported abuse the perpetrator was at least**
24 **12 years of age and not more than four years older than the child; and**

25 **“(b) The investigator determines that issuance of a finding is in the**
26 **public interest.**

27 **“(3) Except as provided in subsection (1) or (2) of this section, the**
28 **investigation may not conclude in one of the findings described in ORS**
29 **419B.026.**

30 **“SECTION 9. ORS 419B.026 is amended to read:**

1 “419B.026. (1) **Except as provided in section 8 of this 2026 Act**, an in-
2 vestigation conducted under ORS 419B.020 must conclude in one of the fol-
3 lowing findings:

4 “(a) That the report of child abuse is founded;

5 “(b) That the report of child abuse is unfounded; or

6 “(c) That the report of child abuse cannot be determined.

7 “(2) [All] Investigations conducted under ORS 419B.020 must be conducted
8 in accordance with ORS 419B.005 to 419B.050 and, **except as provided in**
9 **section 8 of this 2026 Act**, result in the findings described in subsection (1)
10 of this section until all of the following criteria have been met:

11 “(a) The child welfare workload model for the Department of Human
12 Services is staffed at 95 percent or greater;

13 “(b) A centralized, statewide child abuse hotline has been established and
14 in operation for at least six consecutive months;

15 “(c) The department has completed investigations within timelines man-
16 dated by law and rule at least 90 percent of the time for at least six con-
17 secutive months;

18 “(d) The department has conducted in-person contacts with children who
19 are the subject of reports of child abuse, as mandated by law and rule, in
20 at least 90 percent of the reports of child abuse for at least six consecutive
21 months; and

22 “(e) The reabuse rate for children in this state is below the national av-
23 erage.

24 **“SECTION 10.** ORS 418.259 is amended to read:

25 “418.259. (1) The investigation conducted by the Department of Human
26 Services under ORS 418.258 must result in one of the following findings:

27 “(a) That the report is substantiated. A report is substantiated when there
28 is reasonable cause to believe that the abuse of a child in care occurred.

29 “(b) That the report is unsubstantiated. A report is unsubstantiated when
30 there is no evidence that the abuse of a child in care occurred.

1 “(c) That the report is inconclusive. A report is inconclusive when there
2 is some indication that the abuse occurred but there is insufficient evidence
3 to conclude that there is reasonable cause to believe that the abuse occurred.

4 “(2) When a report is received under ORS 418.258 alleging that a child in
5 care may have been subjected to abuse, the department shall notify the case
6 managers for the child, the attorney for the child, the child’s court appointed
7 special advocate, the parents or guardians of the child, any attorney repre-
8 senting a parent or guardian of the child and any governmental agency that
9 has a contract with the child-caring agency or developmental disabilities
10 residential facility to provide care or services to the child that a report has
11 been received.

12 “(3)(a) The department may interview the child in care who is the subject
13 of suspected abuse and any witnesses, including other children, without the
14 presence of employees of the child-caring agency, proctor foster home or de-
15 velopmental disabilities residential facility, the provider of services at a
16 certified foster home or department personnel. The department shall inform
17 the child in care that the child may have the child’s parent or guardian, if
18 the child has not been committed to the custody of the department or the
19 Oregon Youth Authority, or attorney present when participating in an
20 interview conducted in the course of an abuse investigation.

21 “(b) When investigating an allegation of inappropriate use of restraint
22 or involuntary seclusion, the department shall:

23 “(A) Conduct the interviews described in paragraph (a) of this subsection;

24 “(B) Review all relevant incident reports related to the child in care and
25 other reports related to the restraint or involuntary seclusion of the child
26 in care;

27 “(C) Review any audio, video or photographic recordings of the restraint
28 or involuntary seclusion, including the circumstances immediately before and
29 following the incident;

30 “(D) During an interview with the child in care who is the subject of the

1 suspected abuse, ask the child about whether they experienced any reportable
2 injury or pain as a result of the restraint or involuntary seclusion;

3 “(E) Review the training records related to all of the individuals who
4 were involved in the use of restraint or involuntary seclusion; and

5 “(F) Make all reasonable efforts to conduct trauma-informed interviews
6 of each child witness, including the child in care who is the subject of sus-
7 pected abuse unless the investigator makes a specific determination that the
8 interview may significantly traumatize the child and is not in the best in-
9 terests of the child.

10 “(4) **The department shall report to the central state registry es-**
11 **tablished under ORS 419B.030 in writing when an investigation con-**
12 **ducted by the department under ORS 418.258 has shown reasonable**
13 **cause to believe that a child in care’s condition was the result of abuse**
14 **even if the cause remains unknown.**

15 “[~~(4)~~] (5) The department shall notify the following when a report of abuse
16 is substantiated:

17 “(a) The Director of Human Services.

18 “(b) Personnel in the department responsible for the licensing, certificate
19 or authorization of child-caring agencies.

20 “(c) The department’s lead personnel in that part of the department that
21 is responsible for child welfare generally.

22 “(d) With respect to the child in care who is the subject of the abuse re-
23 port and investigation, the case managers for the child, the attorney for the
24 child, the child’s court appointed special advocate, the parents or guardians
25 of the child, any attorney representing a parent or guardian of the child and
26 any governmental agency that has a contract with the child-caring agency
27 to provide care or services to the child.

28 “(e) The parents or guardians of the child in care who is the subject of
29 the abuse report and investigation if the child in care has not been commit-
30 ted to the custody of the department or the youth authority. Notification

1 under this paragraph may not include any details or information other than
2 that a report of abuse has been substantiated.

3 “(f) Any governmental agency that has a contract with the child-caring
4 agency to provide care or services to a child in care.

5 “(g) The local citizen review board established by the Judicial Department
6 under ORS 419A.090.

7 “[5] (6) The department shall report on a quarterly basis to the interim
8 legislative committees on child welfare for the purposes of public review and
9 oversight of the quality and safety of child-caring agencies, certified foster
10 homes and developmental disabilities residential facilities that are licensed,
11 certified or authorized by the department in this state and of proctor foster
12 homes that are certified by the child-caring agencies. Information provided
13 in reports under this subsection may not contain the name or any identifying
14 information of a child in care but must contain all of the following:

15 “(a) The name of any child-caring agency, including an out-of-state
16 child-caring agency, proctor foster home or developmental disabilities resi-
17 dential facility, or, provided there are five or more certified foster homes in
18 the county, the name of the county where a certified foster home is located,
19 where the department conducted an investigation pursuant to ORS 418.258
20 that resulted in a finding that the report of abuse was substantiated during
21 that quarter;

22 “(b) The approximate date that the abuse occurred;

23 “(c) The nature of the abuse and a brief narrative description of the abuse
24 that occurred;

25 “(d) Whether the abuse resulted in a reportable injury, sexual abuse or
26 death;

27 “(e) Corrective actions taken or ordered by the department and the out-
28 come of the corrective actions; and

29 “(f) Information the department received in that quarter regarding any
30 substantiated allegations of child abuse made by any other state involving

1 a congregate care residential setting, as defined in ORS 418.322, in which the
2 department has placed Oregon children.

3 “[6] (7) The department’s quarterly report under subsection [(5)] (6) of
4 this section must also contain all of the following:

5 “(a) The total number of restraints used in programs that quarter;

6 “(b) The total number of programs that reported the use of restraints of
7 children in care that quarter;

8 “(c) The total number of individual children in care who were placed in
9 restraints by programs that quarter;

10 “(d) The number of reportable injuries to children in care that resulted
11 from those restraints;

12 “(e) The number of incidents in which an individual who was not appro-
13 priately trained in the use of the restraint used on a child in care in a pro-
14 gram; and

15 “(f) The number of incidents that were reported for potential inappropri-
16 ate use of restraint.

17 “[7] (8) In compiling records, reports and other information during an
18 investigation under ORS 418.258 (1) and in issuing findings, letters of con-
19 cern or reprimands, the Director of Human Services or the director’s
20 designee and the department may not refer to the employee, person or entity
21 that is the subject of the investigation as an ‘alleged perpetrator’ but must
22 refer to the employee, person or entity as the ‘respondent.’

23 “[8] (9) As used in this section, ‘program,’ ‘reportable injury’ and ‘re-
24 straint’ have the meanings given those terms in ORS 418.519.

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“REPORT

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28 **“SECTION 11. The Department of Human Services shall monitor**
29 **the department’s implementation of the modifications to child abuse**
30 **investigations made by section 8 of this 2026 Act and the amendments**

1 to ORS 339.389, 409.185, 418.259, 419B.005, 419B.015, 419B.020 and 419B.026
2 by sections 1 to 6, 9 and 10 of this 2026 Act. The department shall
3 submit a report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 to the interim
4 committees of the Legislative Assembly related to human services no
5 later than September 15, 2028. The report must describe the steps that
6 the department took to implement section 8 of this 2026 Act and the
7 amendments to ORS 339.389, 409.185, 418.259, 419B.005, 419B.015, 419B.020
8 and 419B.026 by sections 1 to 6, 9 and 10 of this 2026 Act and include,
9 at a minimum:

10 “(1) A description of training provided to support the implementa-
11 tion;

12 “(2) An assessment of staff understanding and consistency in ap-
13 plication of updated definitions of abuse under ORS 419B.005, as
14 amended by sections 1 and 2 of this 2026 Act;

15 “(3) An assessment of staff understanding and consistency in ap-
16 plication of the standard of proof by a preponderance of the evidence
17 required for disposition determinations;

18 “(4) An evaluation of the impact of the policy changes reflected in
19 section 8 of this 2026 Act and the amendments to ORS 339.389, 409.185,
20 418.259, 419B.005, 419B.015, 419B.020 and 419B.026 by sections 1 to 6, 9
21 and 10 of this 2026 Act on the quality and sufficiency of documentation
22 supporting disposition determinations; and

23 “(5) Relevant data following implementation of section 8 of this 2026
24 Act and the amendments to ORS 339.389, 409.185, 418.259, 419B.005,
25 419B.015, 419B.020 and 419B.026 by sections 1 to 6, 9 and 10 of this 2026
26 Act.

27 “SECTION 12. Section 11 of this 2026 Act is repealed on January 2,
28 2029.

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“MISCELLANEOUS

1 **SECTION 13.** (1)(a) The amendments to ORS 339.389, 409.185,
2 419B.015 and 419B.020 by sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 of this 2026 Act become
3 operative on July 1, 2026.

4 “(b) Section 8 of this 2026 Act and the amendments to ORS 418.259,
5 419B.005, 419B.020 and 419B.026 by sections 1, 2, 4a, 9 and 10 of this 2026
6 Act become operative on January 1, 2027.

7 “(2) The Department of Human Services and law enforcement
8 agencies may take any action before the operative dates specified in
9 subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the depart-
10 ment or law enforcement agencies, on or after the operative dates
11 specified in subsection (1) of this section, to undertake and exercise
12 all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the department
13 or law enforcement agencies by section 8 of this 2026 Act and the
14 amendments to ORS 339.389, 409.185, 418.259, 419B.005, 419B.015, 419B.020
15 and 419B.026 by sections 1 to 6, 9 and 10 of this 2026 Act.

16 **SECTION 14.** (1) The amendments to ORS 339.389, 409.185, 419B.015
17 and 419B.020 by sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 of this 2026 Act apply to investi-
18 gations of child abuse initiated on or after July 1, 2026.

19 “(2) The amendments to ORS 419B.020 by section 4a of this 2026 Act
20 apply to investigations of child abuse initiated on or after January 1,
21 2027.

22 “(3) The amendments to ORS 419B.005 by sections 1 and 2 of this
23 2026 Act apply to acts occurring on or after January 1, 2027.

24 “(4) Section 8 of this 2026 Act and the amendments to ORS 418.259
25 and 419B.026 by sections 9 and 10 of this 2026 Act apply to reports of
26 abuse occurring on or after January 1, 2027.

27 **SECTION 15.** The unit captions used in this 2026 Act are provided
28 only for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the
29 statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent in the
30 enactment of this 2026 Act.

