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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2205

1 On page 12 of the printed A-engrossed bill, after line 41, insert:

2 "SECTION 14. As used in sections 14 to 19 of this 2013 Act:

3 **"(1)(a) 'Abuse' means:**

4 "(A) Physical injury that is caused by other than accidental means.

"(B) Failure to provide basic care or services that results in physical injury.

7 "(C) Nonconsensual sexual contact.

8 "(D) Illegal or improper use of resources for personal profit or gain.

9 "(E) Verbal or mental abuse.

10 "(F) Corporal punishment.

"(b) 'Abuse' does not mean execution of a death sentence pursuant
to a death warrant issued under ORS 137.463.

"(2) 'Corrections employee' means a person employed at a
 correctional facility as defined in ORS 162.135 and who is not an inde pendent contractor as defined in ORS 670.600.

"(3) 'Corrections officer' has the meaning given that term in ORS
181.610.

"(4) 'Inmate' means a person incarcerated in a correctional facility
of the state or a county.

20 "<u>SECTION 15.</u> (1) A corrections employee having reasonable cause 21 to believe that an inmate with whom the corrections employee comes 22 in contact has suffered abuse, or that a person with whom the corrections employee comes in contact has abused an inmate, shall immediately make a report in the manner required under section 16 of
this 2013 Act.

4 "(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, a corrections 5 employee is not required to make a report under this section if the 6 corrections employee acquires information relating to abuse from a 7 report made under this section, or from a proceeding arising out of a 8 report made under this section, and the corrections employee reason-9 ably believes that the information is already known by the Department 10 of Corrections or the sheriff of the county, as applicable.

"(3) The duty to report under this section is personal to the cor rections employee.

"(4) A corrections employee who violates subsection (1) of this sec tion commits a Class A violation. Prosecution under this subsection
 may be commenced at any time within 18 months after commission
 of the offense.

"(5) Failure to report as required under this section may be con sidered as a ground for suspension or revocation of the certification
 of a corrections officer under ORS 181.662 or termination of the cor rections employee.

"<u>SECTION 16.</u> (1) A corrections employee making a report of abuse
 as required under section 15 of this 2013 Act shall make an oral report,
 followed by a written report, to:

"(a) The Department of Corrections, if the abuse occurred in a state
 correctional facility; or

"(b) The sheriff of the county, if the abuse occurred in a county
 correctional facility.

"(2) A report made under this section shall contain, if known, the
name of the inmate, the name of the person who committed the abuse
and the correctional facility in which the inmate is incarcerated.

"SECTION 17. (1) When the Department of Corrections or a sheriff
receives a report of abuse under section 16 of this 2013 Act, the department or the sheriff shall immediately:

"(a) Make arrangements within the correctional facility as necessary to prevent further abuse of the inmate and similar abuse of other
inmates in the correctional facility by the person who committed the
reported abuse or by any other person; and

"(b) Cause an investigation to be made to determine the reliability
of the report and, if the report is determined to be reliable, the nature
of the abuse of the inmate.

11 "(2) If the person conducting the investigation finds reasonable 12 cause to believe the abuse occurred, the person shall make an oral 13 report, followed by a written report, to the department or the sheriff, 14 as applicable.

15 "(3) Nothing in this section affects the ability of the Attorney 16 General or the district attorney of the county, as applicable, to con-17 duct a criminal investigation of the conduct alleged in a report re-18 ceived by the department or the sheriff of the county, respectively.

19 "SECTION 18. (1) The Department of Corrections shall:

"(a) Designate at least one person working in each state
 correctional facility and at least one person not working in a state
 correctional facility to receive reports under section 16 of this 2013 Act;
 and

"(b) Distribute contact information for persons designated under
 this subsection to all state corrections employees.

26 "(2) Each sheriff shall:

"(a) Designate at least one person working in each correctional fa cility of the county and at least one person not working in a county
 correctional facility to receive reports under section 16 of this 2013 Act;
 and

"(b) Distribute contact information for persons designated under
this subsection to all corrections employees of the county.

3 "SECTION 19. (1) A corrections employee who makes a report of 4 abuse as required under section 15 of this 2013 Act in good faith and 5 who has reasonable grounds for making the report shall have immu-6 nity from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be in-7 curred or imposed with respect to making the report or the contents 8 of the report.

9 "(2) The corrections employee shall have the same immunity with 10 respect to participating in any judicial proceeding resulting from the 11 report.".

12 In line 42, delete "14" and insert "20".

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