

# House Bill 2994

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## 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**.

Permits school board to designate staff member to receive mandatory child abuse reports.

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to child abuse reporting.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) Each school board may:**

5 (a) **Designate a school employee, and an alternate school employee in the event the des-**  
6 **ignated person is the suspected abuser, to receive reports of suspected abuse; and**

7 (b) **Specify the procedures to be followed by a person designated under this section upon**  
8 **receipt of an abuse report.**

9 (2) **The school board shall ensure that a person designated under this section:**

10 (a) **Receives training consistent with the training provided to employees or designees of**  
11 **the Department of Human Services who receive reports of suspected abuse under ORS**  
12 **419B.015; and**

13 (b) **Is an active member of a local multidisciplinary child abuse team.**

14 (3) **A person designated under this section shall report all reports of child abuse the**  
15 **person receives under subsection (1) of this section to the department or to a law enforce-**  
16 **ment agency as described in ORS 419B.015.**

17 (4) **A person designated under this section is not authorized to conduct any investigations**  
18 **into reported child abuse.**

19 (5) **If a school employee is required by ORS 419B.010 to make a report of suspected child**  
20 **abuse, the school employee shall make the report to:**

21 (a) **The person designated in this section; and**

22 (b) **The department or a law enforcement agency as required under ORS 419B.015.**

23 (6) **As used in this section, "abuse," "school board" and "school employee" have the**  
24 **meanings given those terms in ORS 339.370.**

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