

House Bill 2759

Sponsored by Representative SOLLMAN (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Directs Department of Human Services, Department of Justice and Board of Public Safety Standards and Training to provide training regarding osteogenesis imperfecta to investigators of allegations of abuse.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to training regarding osteogenesis imperfecta; amending ORS 124.073, 418.640, 418.702,
3 418.751 and 430.746.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 124.073 is amended to read:

6 124.073. (1) The Department of Human Services shall:

7 (a) Using new or existing materials, develop and implement a training and continuing education
8 curriculum for persons other than law enforcement officers required by law to investigate
9 allegations of abuse under ORS 124.070 or 441.650. The curriculum shall address the areas of train-
10 ing and education necessary to facilitate the skills required to investigate reports of abuse, includ-
11 ing, but not limited to, risk assessment, investigatory technique, evidence gathering and report
12 writing.

13 (b) Using new or existing materials, develop and implement training for persons that provide
14 care to vulnerable persons to facilitate awareness of the dynamics of abuse, abuse prevention
15 strategies and early detection of abuse.

16 **(2) The department shall ensure that the training described in this section includes in-**
17 **formation regarding osteogenesis imperfecta.**

18 [(2)] **(3)** For purposes of this section, "vulnerable person" means a person 65 years of age or
19 older.

20 **SECTION 2.** ORS 418.640 is amended to read:

21 418.640. (1) The Department of Human Services shall adopt such rules, not inconsistent with
22 ORS 418.625 to 418.645, as it deems necessary or advisable to protect the best interests of children
23 in foster homes and to carry out the intent and purpose of ORS 418.625 to 418.645.

24 (2)(a) The department shall:

25 (A) Provide training to assist the foster parent both in understanding the mental and emotional
26 problems that occur in child victims of abuse and neglect, including sexual abuse and rape of a
27 child, as defined in ORS 419B.005, and in managing the behavior that may result from such problems;
28 and

29 (B) Provide training to foster parents and prospective adoptive parents of a child in foster care
30 regarding appropriate ethnic hair and skin care for children of African-American, Hispanic, Native
31 American, Asian-American or multiracial descent.

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.

1 (b) The training under this subsection shall be provided in accordance with rules adopted by the
2 department.

3 (3) The Board on Public Safety Standards and Training shall develop a training program for law
4 enforcement officers investigating child abuse cases and interviewing child abuse victims. The cur-
5 riculum shall address the area of training and education necessary to facilitate the skills necessary
6 to investigate reports of child abuse. The curriculum shall include, but not be limited to:

- 7 (a) Assessment of risk to child;
- 8 (b) Dynamics of child abuse; [and]
- 9 (c) Legally sound and age appropriate interview and investigatory techniques[.]; **and**
- 10 **(d) Information regarding osteogenesis imperfecta.**

11 (4) The department or duly authorized representative shall visit every certified foster home from
12 time to time and as often as appears necessary to determine that such foster home consistently
13 maintains the standards fixed by the department and that proper care is being given to the children
14 therein.

15 **SECTION 3.** ORS 418.702 is amended to read:

16 418.702. (1) The Department of Human Services shall implement a training and continuing edu-
17 cation curriculum for persons other than law enforcement officers required by law to investigate
18 allegations of child abuse. The curriculum shall address the areas of training and education neces-
19 sary to facilitate the skills necessary to investigate reports of child abuse and shall include but not
20 be limited to:

- 21 (a) Assessment of risk to the child;
- 22 (b) Dynamics of child abuse, child sexual abuse and rape of children; [and]
- 23 (c) Legally sound and age appropriate interview and investigatory techniques[.]; **and**
- 24 **(d) Information regarding osteogenesis imperfecta.**

25 (2) The Oregon State Bar and each board that licenses, certifies or registers public and private
26 officials required to report child abuse under ORS 419B.010 shall identify those persons regulated
27 by the board who in their official capacity have regular and on-going contact with children and shall
28 notify those persons every two years of their duty to report child abuse. Such notice shall contain
29 what the person is required to report and where such report shall be made and also advise of the
30 symptoms to look for and provide a contact number for further information.

31 (3) The department shall develop content of the notice for such a mailing. The cost of distrib-
32 ution shall be paid by the board.

33 (4) The department shall develop and make available, at cost, training materials that may be
34 used at training conferences and other similar events involving such public and private officials, as
35 defined in ORS 419B.005.

36 **SECTION 4.** ORS 418.751 is amended to read:

37 418.751. (1)(a) The Department of Human Services, as provided in ORS 418.702, and the De-
38 partment of Justice shall ensure that training and education are provided for persons, other than
39 law enforcement officers, who are required to investigate allegations of child abuse.

40 **(b) The departments shall ensure that the training described in this section includes in-**
41 **formation regarding osteogenesis imperfecta.**

42 (2)(a) The Department of Human Services shall provide trauma-informed training for employees
43 within the department who are responsible for licensing, certifying or otherwise authorizing child-
44 caring agencies and foster homes and for employees who investigate such agencies and homes. The
45 training provided under this subsection must include the following:

1 (A) Interview models and practices that are informed by policy, research and practice guidelines,
2 with an emphasis on avoiding retraumatization by interview;

3 (B) Recognizing characteristic signs and symptoms of child traumatic stress in children of dif-
4 ferent developmental ages and cultural backgrounds;

5 (C) The impact of trauma on a child's safety, permanency and well-being;

6 (D) Using and administering trauma-informed assessment tools, instruments and practice strate-
7 gies;

8 (E) Collection of information on a child's trauma history;

9 (F) Techniques that promote children's recovery and resiliency; and

10 (G) Methods for improving placement stability by reducing the number of placements, shortening
11 length of stays in care and reducing the number of placement moves.

12 (b) Subject to the availability of funds, the Director of Human Services may extend trauma-
13 informed training to other persons in the child welfare system including caseworkers, foster parents,
14 parents, medical examiners and educators.

15 (3) The Department of Human Services shall work to develop a written set of guidelines for
16 trauma-informed practices for department employees who work with programs for children that can
17 be shared with other entities, including but not limited to the Oregon Health Authority, the Oregon
18 Youth Authority and the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training.

19 (4) The Department of Human Services and the Department of Justice shall work with the Board
20 on Public Safety Standards and Training to ensure that the training that is offered to persons under
21 subsection (1) of this section and ORS 418.702 is coordinated with the training given to law
22 enforcement officers.

23 **SECTION 5.** ORS 430.746 is amended to read:

24 430.746. (1) Any designee of the Department of Human Services who makes a determination or
25 conducts an investigation under ORS 430.743 or 430.745 shall receive training and consultation that
26 is necessary to allow the designee to make the determination or conduct a thorough and unbiased
27 investigation. The training required under this section shall address the cultural and social diversity
28 of the people of this state.

29 **(2) The department shall ensure that the training described in this section includes in-**
30 **formation regarding osteogenesis imperfecta.**

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