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SUMMARY

Directs county sheriffs, municipal police departments, university police departments and Oregon State Police to adopt policies regarding parental notification of interviews of child witnesses.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to interviews of child witnesses; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, “child witness” means an unmarried person who is under 18 years of age and who is not the victim of, suspect in or related to the suspect in a child welfare, criminal or delinquency investigation.

(2) County sheriffs, municipal police departments, police departments established by a university under ORS 352.121 or 353.125 and the Oregon State Police shall adopt written policies regarding parental notification of the interview of a child witness. A policy adopted under this section may prioritize child safety, consistent with state and federal law.

SECTION 2. The policies described in section 1 of this 2023 Act must be adopted on or before January 1, 2024.

SECTION 3. 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.