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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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act gives DHS the option to make a website for child abuse reporting but does not require DHS to do so. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.7).

Modifies the centralized child abuse reporting system requirements to allow, but not require, the Department of Human Services to include a website for electronic reports of suspected child abuse.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the centralized child abuse reporting system; amending ORS 418.190; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 418.190 is amended to read:

6 418.190. (1) As used in this section, "abuse reporting hotline" means a statewide toll-free tele-
7 phone number operated by the Department of Human Services for reporting suspected abuse.

8 (2) The department shall develop and maintain a centralized child abuse reporting system. The
9 system must include *[the]* **an** abuse reporting hotline for oral reports of suspected abuse and *[a]*
10 **may include a** website for electronic reports of suspected child abuse.

11 **SECTION 2. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
12 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
13 **on its passage.**

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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.