

SB 1159-4  
(LC 3478)  
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Requested by Senator GELSER BLOUIN

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
SENATE BILL 1159**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 22 through 27.

2 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 36 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 4. Investigations. (1) The Children’s Advocate may ini-**  
4 **tiate an investigation in response to a complaint or on the Children’s**  
5 **Advocate’s own initiative.**

6 **“(2) When the Children’s Advocate declines to investigate a com-**  
7 **plaint, the Children’s Advocate is not precluded from proceeding, on**  
8 **the Children’s Advocate’s own initiative, to investigate an adminis-**  
9 **trative act or circumstance regardless of whether it is included in a**  
10 **complaint.**

11 **“(3) When the Children’s Advocate reasonably believes there is an**  
12 **imminent risk of harm to a child, the Children’s Advocate shall im-**  
13 **mediately report the circumstances to the appropriate authority that**  
14 **can provide for the child’s safety, regardless of whether the Children’s**  
15 **Advocate chooses to investigate the circumstances surrounding the**  
16 **imminent risk of harm to the child.**

17 **“(4) The Department of Human Services, Oregon Youth Authority,**  
18 **county juvenile department or other entity that is the subject of a**  
19 **complaint, or a person acting in the interests of the department, au-**  
20 **thority, county juvenile department or other entity, may not retaliate**  
21 **against a person who in good faith files a complaint or participates in**

1 an investigation under this section, including retaliation by:

2       **“(a) The imposition of penalties, sanctions or restrictions against**  
3       **the person;**

4       **“(b) Taking adverse actions connected with the person’s employ-**  
5       **ment or placement; or**

6       **“(c) The denial of a right, privilege or benefit otherwise available**  
7       **to the person.”.**

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