

SB 1159-8
(LC 3478)
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Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 1159**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete line 13 and insert “vices.”.

2 Delete lines 22 through 27.

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

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

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

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

18 **“(4) The Department of Human Services or other entity that is the**
19 **subject of a complaint, or a person acting in the interests of the de-**
20 **partment or other entity, may not retaliate against a person who in**
21 **good faith files a complaint or participates in an investigation under**

1 **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.”.**

8 On page 3, line 14, after “Services” delete the rest of the line.

9 In line 15, delete “venile department”.

10 In line 19, after “Services” delete the rest of the line.

11 Delete line 20 and insert “or of a person, organization, program”.

12 In line 22, after “Services” insert a semicolon and delete the rest of the
13 line and delete line 23.

14 On page 4, line 30, after “Services” delete the rest of the line.

15 In line 31, delete “partments”.

16 On page 5, line 19, after “system” delete the rest of the line.

17 In line 20, delete “nile justice system”.

18 On page 6, line 41, delete “or the Oregon Youth Authority”.

19 In line 44, delete the second “or”.

20 In line 45, delete “juvenile justice systems” and insert “system”.

21 On page 7, delete lines 31 through 34 and insert “contact with the child
22 welfare system or child-caring agencies and the full exercise of the rights
23 of those children;

24 **“(q) Objectively review the efforts of the Department of Human Services**
25 **to ensure children’s safety, rights and well-being,”.**

26 In line 39, delete “or”.

27 In line 40, delete “Oregon Youth Authority”.

28 On page 8, line 15, after “Services” delete the rest of the line.

29 In line 16, delete “Authority”.