

A-Engrossed
House Bill 3584

Ordered by the House June 10
Including House Amendments dated June 10

Sponsored by Representative FREDERICK

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.

Directs Department of Human Services, in consultation with Oregon Health Authority, to provide training to foster parents regarding appropriate ethnic [*aesthetic*] **hair and skin** care for children of African-American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian-American or multiracial descent.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to appropriate ethnic aesthetic care for children in foster care; amending ORS 418.255 and
3 418.640.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 418.255 is amended to read:

6 418.255. (1) The Department of Human Services shall inspect and supervise all private child-
7 caring agencies, whether incorporated or not, within this state, and may inspect and supervise
8 public child-caring agencies within [*the*] **this** state. The department is [*hereby*] given right of en-
9 trance, privilege of inspection, and access to all accounts and records of work and children, for the
10 purpose of ascertaining the kind and quality of work done and to obtain a proper basis for its de-
11 cisions and recommendations.

12 (2) Inspection and visitation of child-caring agencies by the department shall be made at unex-
13 pected times, with irregular intervals between visits, and without previous notice to the agency
14 visited. In addition to such official inspection, many other informal visits shall be made.

15 (3) The department [*and its agents*] shall advise agency and institution officers and workers in
16 regard to approved methods of child care, best types of housing and equipment and adequate records
17 of agency or institutional work. The principal purpose of such advice shall be to offer friendly
18 counsel and assistance on child welfare problems and advice on progressive methods and improve-
19 ment of the service.

20 (4) **In addition to advice provided under subsection (3) of this section, the department**
21 **shall provide training regarding appropriate ethnic hair and skin care for children of**
22 **African-American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian-American or multiracial descent to:**

23 (a) **Child-caring agencies;**

24 (b) **Persons providing treatment, care or services under the supervision of a child-caring**
25 **agency; and**

26 (c) **Prospective adoptive parents of a child in foster care.**

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

28 418.640. (1) The Department of Human Services shall adopt such rules, not inconsistent with

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 ORS 418.625 to 418.645, as it deems necessary or advisable to protect the best interests of children
2 in foster homes and to carry out the intent and purpose of ORS 418.625 to 418.645.

3 (2)(a) The department shall [*adopt rules assuring that all foster parents receive training*
4 *designed*]:

5 (A) **Provide training** to assist the foster parent **both** in [*both*] understanding the mental and
6 emotional problems that occur in child victims of abuse and neglect, including sexual abuse and rape
7 of a child, as defined in ORS 419B.005, and in managing the behavior that may result from such
8 problems; **and**

9 (B) **Provide training to foster parents and prospective adoptive parents of a child in fos-**
10 **ter care regarding appropriate ethnic hair and skin care for children of African-American,**
11 **Hispanic, Native American, Asian-American or multiracial descent.**

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

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

18 (a) Assessment of risk to child;

19 (b) Dynamics of child abuse; and

20 (c) Legally sound and age appropriate interview and investigatory techniques.

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

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