

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 942

By COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

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1 Delete lines 4 through 14 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2017 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 419B.005 to**
3 **419B.050.**

4 **“SECTION 2. (1) An investigation conducted under ORS 419B.020 must conclude in one**
5 **of the following findings:**

6 **“(a) That the report of child abuse is founded;**

7 **“(b) That the report of child abuse is unfounded; or**

8 **“(c) That the report of child abuse cannot be determined.**

9 **“(2) All investigations conducted under ORS 419B.020 must be conducted in accordance**
10 **with ORS 419B.005 to 419B.050 and result in the findings described in subsection (1) of this**
11 **section until all of the following criteria have been met:**

12 **“(a) The child welfare workload model for the Department of Human Services is staffed**
13 **at 95 percent or greater;**

14 **“(b) A centralized, statewide child abuse hotline has been established and in operation for**
15 **at least six consecutive months;**

16 **“(c) The department has completed investigations within timelines mandated by law and**
17 **rule at least 90 percent of the time for at least six consecutive months;**

18 **“(d) The department has conducted in-person contacts with children who are the subject**
19 **of reports of child abuse, as mandated by law and rule, in at least 90 percent of the reports**
20 **of child abuse for at least six consecutive months; and**

21 **“(e) The reabuse rate for children in this state is below the national average.**

22 **“SECTION 3. When a child or ward five years of age or older is in the legal custody of**
23 **the Department of Human Services as provided in ORS 418.015 or 419B.337 and has been**
24 **placed in substitute care, the department shall conduct an exit interview with the child or**
25 **ward within 14 days of removing the child or ward from the placement, whether the removal**
26 **is for the purpose of reunification with the family of the child or ward, a different substitute**
27 **care placement, adoption or other reason for termination of wardship under ORS 419B.328.**
28 **The exit interview must assess, at a minimum, the following:**

29 **“(1) The child’s or ward’s perception of the safety of the placement;**

30 **“(2) Extracurricular activities that the child or ward participated in while in the place-**
31 **ment, including the frequency of participation and whether transportation was provided for**
32 **the child or ward;**

33 **“(3) Whether the child or ward would be permitted to leave the placement with all of the**
34 **personal belongings of the child or ward;**

35 **“(4) Improvements the child or ward believes should be made to the placement;**

1 “(5) Strengths of the placement;
2 “(6) Whether the child or ward experienced any physical discipline during the placement
3 and, if so, the nature of the physical discipline; and
4 “(7) Whether the child or ward experienced physical or sexual abuse or neglect during
5 the placement.
6 “SECTION 4. (1) Section 2 of this 2017 Act applies to investigations pending or com-
7 menced on or after the effective date of this 2017 Act.
8 “(2) Section 3 of this 2017 Act applies to children or wards removed from placements by
9 the Department of Human Services on or after the operative date specified in section 5 of
10 this 2017 Act.
11 “SECTION 5. Section 3 of this 2017 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2018.
12 “SECTION 6. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
13 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect
14 on its passage.”.
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