

# House Bill 2033

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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 **as introduced**.

Removes minimum degree requirements for individuals who conduct child abuse investigations or make determinations regarding protective custody of children. Directs Department of Human Services to establish minimum qualifications for such individuals by rule.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to child welfare caseworkers; amending ORS 419B.021.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 419B.021 is amended to read:

5 419B.021. *[(1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the following persons must pos-*  
6 *sess a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree from an accredited institution of higher education:]*

7 *[(a) A person who conducts an investigation under ORS 419B.020; and]*

8 *[(b) A person who makes the following determinations:]*

9 *[(A) That a child must be taken into protective custody under ORS 419B.150; and]*

10 *[(B) That the child should not be released to the child's parent or other responsible person under*  
11 *ORS 419B.165 (2).]*

12 *[(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to:]*

13 *[(a) A person who was employed or otherwise engaged by the Department of Human Services for*  
14 *the purpose of conducting investigations or making determinations before January 1, 2012, provided the*  
15 *person's employment or engagement for these purposes has been continuous and uninterrupted.]*

16 *[(b) A law enforcement official as that term is defined in ORS 147.005.]*

17 **(1) The Department of Human Services shall establish by rule minimum qualifications for**  
18 **individuals who:**

19 **(a) Conduct an investigation under ORS 419B.020; or**

20 **(b) Make a determination that a child must be taken into protective custody under ORS**  
21 **419B.150 or that a child should not be released to the child's parent or other responsible**  
22 **person under ORS 419B.165 (2).**

23 **(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to a law enforcement official as defined**  
24 **in ORS 147.005.**

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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.