SUMMARY

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Requires hospitals and pediatric health care facilities to have plans, approved by Oregon Health Authority, for treating sexual assault survivors who present in need of medical forensic services or for transferring sexual assault survivors to hospital or approved pediatric health care facility for medical forensic services. Requires authority to adopt rules for treatment and transfer plans.

Requires facilities that provide medical forensic services to provide sexual assault survivors with vouchers to pay for services related to sexual assault that are not paid from Sexual Assault Victims' Emergency Medical Response Fund. Prohibits health care providers from billing sexual assault survivors for specified services related to sexual assault.

Authorizes authority to impose civil penalties of up to $500 for each violation.

Requires district attorney to include sexual assault nurse examiner or hospital representative in sexual assault response team organized by district attorney to adopt protocols addressing response to sexual assault victims.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to survivors of sexual assault; amending ORS 147.401.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 147.401 is amended to read:

147.401. (1) The district attorney in each county shall organize a sexual assault response team to consist of:

(a) A representative of the district attorney's office;
(b) A representative of a prosecution-based victim assistance program or unit;
(c) A sexual assault forensic examiner;
(d) At the discretion of the district attorney, a representative of the county sheriff's office or a representative of local law enforcement agencies or both;
(e) A representative of a nonprofit agency or program that receives moneys administered by the Department of Human Services or the Department of Justice that offers safety planning, counseling, support or advocacy to victims of sexual assault; [and]
(f) A sexual assault nurse examiner or a representative of a hospital; and

[(f)] (g) Other persons the district attorney considers necessary for the operation of the team or as recommended by the team.

(2) Each team must meet:

(a) At least quarterly at a time appointed by the district attorney of the county; and
(b) Independently of the county's multidisciplinary child abuse team.

(3)(a) Each team shall develop and adopt protocols addressing the response to adult and adolescent sexual assault victims in the county.
(b) Protocols adopted pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection may incorporate by reference, in part or in whole, protocols relating to child sexual abuse developed pursuant to ORS 418.747.