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SUMMARY

Replaces School Safety Hotline established by Department of Justice with statewide tip line established by Department of State Police for anonymous reporting of information concerning threats to student safety. Requires Department of State Police to adopt certain rules for operation of tip line.

Provides that person who improperly uses tip line commits crime of improper use of emergency communications system. Punishes by maximum of one year's imprisonment, \$6,250 fine, or both.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of State Police for biennial expenses relating to establishment and operation of tip line.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to student safety; creating new provisions; amending ORS 165.570;
3 repealing ORS 180.650 and 180.660; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

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6 (a) **“Cyberbullying” and “harassment, intimidation or bullying”**
7 **have the meaning given those terms in ORS 339.351.**

8 (b) **“Local law enforcement contact” means a local law enforcement**
9 **officer designated by a school district to be notified when the tip line**
10 **receives a report of a potential threat to student safety within the**
11 **district.**

12 (c) **“Threats to student safety” include but are not limited to:**

13 (A) **Harassment, intimidation or bullying or cyberbullying;**

14 (B) **Threats of suicide or self-harm; and**

15 (C) **Violence against others.**

1 (d) “Tip line” means a telephone service line designed to accept in-
2 formation concerning potential threats to student safety through
3 methods of transmission including:

4 (A) Telephone calls;

5 (B) Text messaging; and

6 (C) Electronic format through the Internet.

7 (2) The Department of State Police shall establish a statewide tip
8 line for students and other members of the public to report
9 anonymously information concerning threats to student safety or po-
10 tential threats to student safety on school grounds, on school-
11 sponsored transportation or at school-sponsored activities.

12 (3) The department shall adopt rules necessary to establish and to
13 operate the tip line. The rules must include but are not limited to:

14 (a) Provisions that protect the identity of a caller without compro-
15 mising opportunities for follow-up calls by local law enforcement con-
16 tacts to provide or obtain further information; and

17 (b) Written policies and procedures for:

18 (A) Logging reports received on the tip line;

19 (B) Verifying the authenticity and validity of a reported threat to
20 student safety; and

21 (C) Relaying information concerning potential threats to student
22 safety to local law enforcement contacts and appropriate school dis-
23 trict officials.

24 (4) The department may seek and accept gifts, grants and donations
25 from any source for the purpose of carrying out its duties under this
26 section.

27 **SECTION 2.** ORS 165.570 is amended to read:

28 165.570. (1) A person commits the crime of improper use of the emergency
29 communications system if the person knowingly:

30 (a) Makes an emergency call or calls the [*School Safety Hotline*] **tip line**
31 for a purpose other than to report a situation that the person reasonably

1 believes requires prompt service in order to preserve human life or property;
2 or

3 (b) Allows another person to use communications equipment owned,
4 rented or leased by or under the control of the person to make an emergency
5 call or call the [*School Safety Hotline*] **tip line** for a purpose other than to
6 report a situation that the other person reasonably believes requires prompt
7 service in order to preserve human life or property.

8 (2) As used in this section:

9 (a) “Emergency call” has the meaning given that term in ORS 403.105.

10 (b) “Emergency communications system” has the meaning given that term
11 in ORS 403.105.

12 [(c) “*School Safety Hotline*” means the toll-free telephone line established
13 under ORS 180.650.]

14 (c) **“Tip line” means the statewide tip line established under section**
15 **1 of this 2016 Act.**

16 (3) Improper use of the emergency communications system is a Class A
17 misdemeanor.

18 **SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-**
19 **ation, there is appropriated to the Department of State Police for the**
20 **biennium beginning July 1, 2015, out of the General Fund, the amount**
21 **of \$1 million, which may be expended to establish and operate the tip**
22 **line established under section 1 of this 2016 Act.**

23 **SECTION 4. ORS 180.650 and 180.660 are repealed.**

24 **SECTION 5. This 2016 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**
25 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**
26 **clared to exist, and this 2016 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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