

**CHAPTER 179**

AN ACT

SB 622

Relating to mandatory reporting of abuse; amending ORS 124.050, 124.075, 419B.005, 430.735, 430.753 and 441.630.

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

**SECTION 1.** ORS 419B.005 is amended to read: 419B.005. As used in ORS 419B.005 to 419B.050, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1)(a) "Abuse" means:
  - (A) Any assault, as defined in ORS chapter 163, of a child and any physical injury to a child which has been caused by other than accidental means, including any injury which appears to be at variance with the explanation given of the injury.
  - (B) Any mental injury to a child, which shall include only observable and substantial impairment of the child's mental or psychological ability to function caused by cruelty to the child, with due regard to the culture of the child.
  - (C) Rape of a child, which includes but is not limited to rape, sodomy, unlawful sexual penetration and incest, as those acts are described in ORS chapter 163.
  - (D) Sexual abuse, as described in ORS chapter 163.
  - (E) Sexual exploitation, including but not limited to:
    - (i) Contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor, as defined in ORS chapter 163, and any other conduct which allows, employs, authorizes, permits, induces or encourages a child to engage in the performing for people to observe or the photographing, filming, tape recording or other exhibition which, in whole or in part, depicts sexual conduct or contact, as defined in ORS 167.002 or described in ORS 163.665 and 163.670, sexual abuse involving a child or rape of a child, but not including any conduct which is part of any investigation conducted pursuant to ORS 419B.020 or which is designed to serve educational or other legitimate purposes; and
    - (ii) Allowing, permitting, encouraging or hiring a child to engage in prostitution as described in ORS 167.007 or a commercial sex act as defined in ORS 163.266, to purchase sex with a minor as described in ORS 163.413 or to patronize a prostitute as described in ORS 167.008.
  - (F) Negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child, including but not limited to the failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter or medical care that is likely to endanger the health or welfare of the child.
  - (G) Threatened harm to a child, which means subjecting a child to a substantial risk of harm to the child's health or welfare.
  - (H) Buying or selling a person under 18 years of age as described in ORS 163.537.

- (I) Permitting a person under 18 years of age to enter or remain in or upon premises where methamphetamines are being manufactured.
- (J) Unlawful exposure to a controlled substance, as defined in ORS 475.005, that subjects a child to a substantial risk of harm to the child's health or safety.
  - (b) "Abuse" does not include reasonable discipline unless the discipline results in one of the conditions described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.
- (2) "Child" means an unmarried person who is under 18 years of age.
- (3) "Higher education institution" means:
  - (a) A community college as defined in ORS 341.005;
  - (b) A public university listed in ORS 352.002;
  - (c) The Oregon Health and Science University; and
  - (d) A private institution of higher education located in Oregon.
- (4) "Law enforcement agency" means:
  - (a) A city or municipal police department.
  - (b) A county sheriff's office.
  - (c) The Oregon State Police.
  - (d) A police department established by a university under ORS 352.383 or 353.125.
  - (e) A county juvenile department.
- (5) "Public or private official" means:
  - (a) Physician or physician assistant licensed under ORS chapter 677 or naturopathic physician, including any intern or resident.
  - (b) Dentist.
  - (c) School employee, including an employee of a higher education institution.
  - (d) Licensed practical nurse, registered nurse, nurse practitioner, nurse's aide, home health aide or employee of an in-home health service.
  - (e) Employee of the Department of Human Services, Oregon Health Authority, Early Learning Division, Youth Development Division, Office of Child Care, the Oregon Youth Authority, a county health department, a community mental health program, a community developmental disabilities program, a county juvenile department, a licensed child-caring agency or an alcohol and drug treatment program.
  - (f) Peace officer.
  - (g) Psychologist.
  - (h) Member of the clergy.
  - (i) Regulated social worker.
  - (j) Optometrist.
  - (k) Chiropractor.
  - (L) Certified provider of foster care, or an employee thereof.
  - (m) Attorney.
  - (n) Licensed professional counselor.
  - (o) Licensed marriage and family therapist.
  - (p) Firefighter or emergency medical services provider.
  - (q) A court appointed special advocate, as defined in ORS 419A.004.
  - (r) A child care provider registered or certified under ORS 329A.030 and 329A.250 to 329A.450.
  - (s) Member of the Legislative Assembly.

- (t) Physical, speech or occupational therapist.
- (u) Audiologist.
- (v) Speech-language pathologist.
- (w) Employee of the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission directly involved in investigations or discipline by the commission.
- (x) Pharmacist.
- (y) An operator of a preschool recorded program under ORS 329A.255.
- (z) An operator of a school-age recorded program under ORS 329A.257.
- (aa) Employee of a private agency or organization facilitating the provision of respite services, as defined in ORS 418.205, for parents pursuant to a properly executed power of attorney under ORS 109.056.
- (bb) Employee of a public or private organization providing child-related services or activities:
  - (A) Including but not limited to youth groups or centers, scout groups or camps, summer or day camps, survival camps or groups, centers or camps that are operated under the guidance, supervision or auspices of religious, public or private educational systems or community service organizations; and
  - (B) Excluding community-based, nonprofit organizations whose primary purpose is to provide confidential, direct services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking.
- (cc) A coach, assistant coach or trainer of an amateur, semiprofessional or professional athlete, if compensated and if the athlete is a child.
- (dd) Personal support worker, as defined by rule adopted by the Home Care Commission.**
- (ee) Home care worker, as defined in ORS 410.600.**

**SECTION 2.** ORS 124.050, as amended by section 5, chapter 352, Oregon Laws 2013, and section 9, chapter 104, Oregon Laws 2014, is amended to read:

124.050. As used in ORS 124.050 to 124.095:

- (1) "Abuse" means one or more of the following:
  - (a) Any physical injury to an elderly person caused by other than accidental means, or which appears to be at variance with the explanation given of the injury.
  - (b) Neglect.
  - (c) Abandonment, including desertion or willful forsaking of an elderly person or the withdrawal or neglect of duties and obligations owed an elderly person by a caretaker or other person.
  - (d) Willful infliction of physical pain or injury upon an elderly person.
  - (e) An act that constitutes a crime under ORS 163.375, 163.405, 163.411, 163.415, 163.425, 163.427, 163.465, 163.467 or 163.525.
  - (f) Verbal abuse.
  - (g) Financial exploitation.
  - (h) Sexual abuse.
  - (i) Involuntary seclusion of an elderly person for the convenience of a caregiver or to discipline the person.

(j) A wrongful use of a physical or chemical restraint of an elderly person, excluding an act of restraint prescribed by a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677 and any treatment activities that are consistent with an approved treatment plan or in connection with a court order.

(2) "Elderly person" means any person 65 years of age or older who is not subject to the provisions of ORS 441.640 to 441.665.

(3) "Facility" means:

(a) A long term care facility as that term is defined in ORS 442.015.

(b) A residential facility as that term is defined in ORS 443.400, including but not limited to an assisted living facility.

(c) An adult foster home as that term is defined in ORS 443.705.

(4) "Financial exploitation" means:

(a) Wrongfully taking the assets, funds or property belonging to or intended for the use of an elderly person or a person with a disability.

(b) Alarming an elderly person or a person with a disability by conveying a threat to wrongfully take or appropriate money or property of the person if the person would reasonably believe that the threat conveyed would be carried out.

(c) Misappropriating, misusing or transferring without authorization any money from any account held jointly or singly by an elderly person or a person with a disability.

(d) Failing to use the income or assets of an elderly person or a person with a disability effectively for the support and maintenance of the person.

(5) "Intimidation" means compelling or deterring conduct by threat.

(6) "Law enforcement agency" means:

(a) Any city or municipal police department.

(b) Any county sheriff's office.

(c) The Oregon State Police.

(d) Any district attorney.

(e) A police department established by a university under ORS 352.383 or 353.125.

(7) "Neglect" means failure to provide basic care or services that are necessary to maintain the health or safety of an elderly person.

(8) "Person with a disability" means a person described in:

(a) ORS 410.040 (7); or

(b) ORS 410.715.

(9) "Public or private official" means:

(a) Physician or physician assistant licensed under ORS chapter 677, naturopathic physician or chiropractor, including any intern or resident.

(b) Licensed practical nurse, registered nurse, nurse practitioner, nurse's aide, home health aide or employee of an in-home health service.

(c) Employee of the Department of Human Services or community developmental disabilities program.

(d) Employee of the Oregon Health Authority, county health department or community mental health program.

(e) Peace officer.

- (f) Member of the clergy.
- (g) Regulated social worker.
- (h) Physical, speech or occupational therapist.
- (i) Senior center employee.
- (j) Information and referral or outreach worker.
- (k) Licensed professional counselor or licensed marriage and family therapist.
- (L) Member of the Legislative Assembly.
- (m) Firefighter or emergency medical services provider.
- (n) Psychologist.
- (o) Provider of adult foster care or an employee of the provider.
- (p) Audiologist.
- (q) Speech-language pathologist.
- (r) Attorney.
- (s) Dentist.
- (t) Optometrist.
- (u) Chiropractor.

**(v) Personal support worker, as defined by rule adopted by the Home Care Commission.**

**(w) Home care worker, as defined in ORS 410.600.**

(10) "Services" includes but is not limited to the provision of food, clothing, medicine, housing, medical services, assistance with bathing or personal hygiene or any other service essential to the well-being of an elderly person.

(11)(a) "Sexual abuse" means:

(A) Sexual contact with an elderly person who does not consent or is considered incapable of consenting to a sexual act under ORS 163.315;

(B) Verbal or physical harassment of a sexual nature, including but not limited to severe or pervasive exposure to sexually explicit material or language;

(C) Sexual exploitation;

(D) Any sexual contact between an employee of a facility or paid caregiver and an elderly person served by the facility or caregiver; or

(E) Any sexual contact that is achieved through force, trickery, threat or coercion.

(b) "Sexual abuse" does not mean consensual sexual contact between an elderly person and a paid caregiver.

(12) "Sexual contact" has the meaning given that term in ORS 163.305.

(13) "Verbal abuse" means to threaten significant physical or emotional harm to an elderly person or a person with a disability through the use of:

(a) Derogatory or inappropriate names, insults, verbal assaults, profanity or ridicule; or

(b) Harassment, coercion, threats, intimidation, humiliation, mental cruelty or inappropriate sexual comments.

**SECTION 3.** ORS 430.735, as amended by section 48, chapter 45, Oregon Laws 2014, is amended to read:

430.735. As used in ORS 430.735 to 430.765:

(1) "Abuse" means one or more of the following:

(a) Abandonment, including desertion or willful forsaking of a person with a developmental disability

or the withdrawal or neglect of duties and obligations owed a person with a developmental disability by a caregiver or other person.

(b) Any physical injury to an adult caused by other than accidental means, or that appears to be at variance with the explanation given of the injury.

(c) Willful infliction of physical pain or injury upon an adult.

(d) Sexual abuse of an adult.

(e) Neglect.

(f) Verbal abuse of a person with a developmental disability.

(g) Financial exploitation of a person with a developmental disability.

(h) Involuntary seclusion of a person with a developmental disability for the convenience of the caregiver or to discipline the person.

(i) A wrongful use of a physical or chemical restraint upon a person with a developmental disability, excluding an act of restraint prescribed by a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677, physician assistant licensed under ORS 677.505 to 677.525 or nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678.373 to 678.390 and any treatment activities that are consistent with an approved treatment plan or in connection with a court order.

(j) An act that constitutes a crime under ORS 163.375, 163.405, 163.411, 163.415, 163.425, 163.427, 163.465 or 163.467.

(k) Any death of an adult caused by other than accidental or natural means.

(2) "Adult" means a person 18 years of age or older with:

(a) A developmental disability who is currently receiving services from a community program or facility or was previously determined eligible for services as an adult by a community program or facility; or

(b) A mental illness who is receiving services from a community program or facility.

(3) "Adult protective services" means the necessary actions taken to prevent abuse or exploitation of an adult, to prevent self-destructive acts and to safeguard an adult's person, property and funds, including petitioning for a protective order as defined in ORS 125.005. Any actions taken to protect an adult shall be undertaken in a manner that is least intrusive to the adult and provides for the greatest degree of independence.

(4) "Caregiver" means an individual, whether paid or unpaid, or a facility that has assumed responsibility for all or a portion of the care of an adult as a result of a contract or agreement.

(5) "Community program" means a community mental health program or a community developmental disabilities program as established in ORS 430.610 to 430.695.

(6) "Facility" means a residential treatment home or facility, residential care facility, adult foster home, residential training home or facility or crisis respite facility.

(7) "Financial exploitation" means:

(a) Wrongfully taking the assets, funds or property belonging to or intended for the use of a person with a developmental disability.

(b) Alarming a person with a developmental disability by conveying a threat to wrongfully take or appropriate money or property of the person if the person would reasonably believe that the threat conveyed would be carried out.

(c) Misappropriating, misusing or transferring without authorization any money from any account held jointly or singly by a person with a developmental disability.

(d) Failing to use the income or assets of a person with a developmental disability effectively for the support and maintenance of the person.

(8) "Intimidation" means compelling or deterring conduct by threat.

(9) "Law enforcement agency" means:

(a) Any city or municipal police department;

(b) A police department established by a university under ORS 352.383 or 353.125;

(c) Any county sheriff's office;

(d) The Oregon State Police; or

(e) Any district attorney.

(10) "Neglect" means:

(a) Failure to provide the care, supervision or services necessary to maintain the physical and mental health of a person with a developmental disability that may result in physical harm or significant emotional harm to the person;

(b) The failure of a caregiver to make a reasonable effort to protect a person with a developmental disability from abuse; or

(c) Withholding of services necessary to maintain the health and well-being of an adult which leads to physical harm of an adult.

(11) "Person with a developmental disability" means a person described in subsection (2)(a) of this section.

(12) "Public or private official" means:

(a) Physician licensed under ORS chapter 677, physician assistant licensed under ORS 677.505 to 677.525, naturopathic physician, psychologist or chiropractor, including any intern or resident;

(b) Licensed practical nurse, registered nurse, nurse's aide, home health aide or employee of an in-home health service;

(c) Employee of the Department of Human Services or Oregon Health Authority, county health department, community mental health program or community developmental disabilities program or private agency contracting with a public body to provide any community mental health service;

(d) Peace officer;

(e) Member of the clergy;

(f) Regulated social worker;

(g) Physical, speech or occupational therapist;

(h) Information and referral, outreach or crisis worker;

(i) Attorney;

(j) Licensed professional counselor or licensed marriage and family therapist;

(k) Any public official; [*who comes in contact with adults in the performance of the official's duties; or*]

(L) Firefighter or emergency medical services provider[.];

**(m) Member of the Legislative Assembly;**

**(n) Personal support worker, as defined by rule adopted by the Home Care Commission; or**

**(o) Home care worker, as defined in ORS 410.600.**

(13) "Services" includes but is not limited to the provision of food, clothing, medicine, housing, medical services, assistance with bathing or personal hygiene or any other service essential to the well-being of an adult.

(14)(a) "Sexual abuse" means:

(A) Sexual contact with a nonconsenting adult or with an adult considered incapable of consenting to a sexual act under ORS 163.315;

(B) Sexual harassment, sexual exploitation or inappropriate exposure to sexually explicit material or language;

(C) Any sexual contact between an employee of a facility or paid caregiver and an adult served by the facility or caregiver;

(D) Any sexual contact between a person with a developmental disability and a relative of the person with a developmental disability other than a spouse; or

(E) Any sexual contact that is achieved through force, trickery, threat or coercion.

(b) "Sexual abuse" does not mean consensual sexual contact between an adult and a paid caregiver who is the spouse of the adult.

(15) "Sexual contact" has the meaning given that term in ORS 163.305.

(16) "Verbal abuse" means to threaten significant physical or emotional harm to a person with a developmental disability through the use of:

(a) Derogatory or inappropriate names, insults, verbal assaults, profanity or ridicule; or

(b) Harassment, coercion, threats, intimidation, humiliation, mental cruelty or inappropriate sexual comments.

**SECTION 4.** ORS 441.630 is amended to read:

441.630. As used in ORS 441.630 to 441.680 and 441.995:

(1) "Abuse" means:

(a) Any physical injury to a resident of a long term care facility which has been caused by other than accidental means.

(b) Failure to provide basic care or services, which failure results in physical harm or unreasonable discomfort or serious loss of human dignity.

(c) Sexual contact with a resident caused by an employee, agent or other resident of a long term care facility by force, threat, duress or coercion.

(d) Illegal or improper use of a resident's resources for the personal profit or gain of another person.

(e) Verbal or mental abuse as prohibited by federal law.

- (f) Corporal punishment.
- (g) Involuntary seclusion for convenience or discipline.
- (2) "Abuse complaint" means any oral or written communication to the department, one of its agents or a law enforcement agency alleging abuse.
- (3) "Department" means the Department of Human Services or a designee of the department.
- (4) "Facility" means a long term care facility, as defined in ORS 442.015.
- (5) "Law enforcement agency" means:
  - (a) Any city or municipal police department.
  - (b) A police department established by a university under ORS 352.383 or 353.125.
  - (c) Any county sheriff's office.
  - (d) The Oregon State Police.
  - (e) Any district attorney.
- (6) "Public or private official" means:
  - (a) Physician, including any intern or resident.
  - (b) Licensed practical nurse or registered nurse.
  - (c) Employee of the Department of Human Services, a community developmental disabilities program or a long term care facility or person who contracts to provide services to a long term care facility.
  - (d) Employee of the Oregon Health Authority, county health department or community mental health program.
  - (e) Peace officer.
  - (f) Member of the clergy.
  - (g) Regulated social worker.
  - (h) Physical, speech and occupational therapists.
  - (i) Legal counsel for a resident or guardian or family member of the resident.
  - (j) **Member of the Legislative Assembly.**
  - (k) **Personal support worker, as defined by rule adopted by the Home Care Commission.**

**(L) Home care worker, as defined in ORS 410.600.**

**SECTION 5.** ORS 124.075 is amended to read:

124.075. (1) Anyone participating in good faith in the making of a report of elder abuse and who has reasonable grounds for making the report shall have immunity from any **criminal or** civil liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed with respect to the making or content of such report. Any such participant shall have the same immunity with respect to participating in any judicial proceeding resulting from such report.

(2) The identity of the person making the report shall be treated as confidential information and shall be disclosed only with the consent of that person or by judicial process, or as required to perform the functions under ORS 124.070.

**SECTION 6.** ORS 430.753 is amended to read:

430.753. (1) Anyone participating in good faith in making a report of abuse pursuant to ORS 430.743 and 430.765 (1) and (2) and who has reasonable grounds for making the report, shall have immunity from any **criminal or** civil liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed with respect to the making or content of the report. The participant shall have the same immunity with respect to participating in any judicial proceeding resulting from the report.

(2) The identity of the person making the report shall be treated as confidential information and shall be disclosed only with the consent of that person, by judicial order or as otherwise permitted by ORS 430.763.

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