

House Bill 2441

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(Presession filed.)

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**.

Requires school districts to provide coordinated comprehensive school counseling program. Prescribes standards for programs.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to coordinated comprehensive school counseling programs.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 329.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) Each school district must provide a coordinated comprehensive school**
6 **counseling program to support the academic, career, personal and social development of each**
7 **student and to develop the sense of community involvement for each student.**

8 **(2) A coordinated comprehensive school counseling program may be implemented by a**
9 **person who is licensed by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission as a:**

10 **(a) School counselor; or**

11 **(b) School social worker, or as any other licensee with a valid license issued by the**
12 **commission, if the person has the appropriate training and experience to provide school**
13 **counseling services, based on standards adopted by the State Board of Education by rule.**

14 **(3) The State Board of Education shall adopt by rule standards for coordinated compre-**
15 **hensive school counseling programs. When adopting rules, the board shall:**

16 **(a) Collaborate with the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to ensure that the**
17 **standards are as inclusive as possible for the purpose of determining who can implement a**
18 **coordinated comprehensive school counseling program while ensuring that the purposes and**
19 **quality of the program are maintained.**

20 **(b) Describe the extent to which a school social worker, or any other licensee with a valid**
21 **license issued by the commission, may implement a coordinated comprehensive school**
22 **counseling program based on the training and experience of the person.**

23 **(c) Provide flexibility in who can implement a coordinated comprehensive school coun-**
24 **seling program, in recognition of resources that may be limited in some school districts.**

25 **(d) Annually review the standards to ensure that any necessary adjustments are made**
26 **in a timely manner to increase the inclusivity of qualified persons who may implement a**
27 **coordinated comprehensive school counseling program.**

28 **(4) The Teacher Standards and Practices Commission shall coordinate with educator**
29 **preparation providers to modify educator preparation programs to increase the inclusivity**
30 **of qualified persons who may implement a coordinated comprehensive school counseling**
31 **program.**

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.

