

House Bill 4127

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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**.

Directs school districts to provide age-appropriate instruction in oral health as part of health education curriculum.

Directs Oregon Health Authority to establish and maintain Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program to support school-based oral health programs.

Requires Oregon Health Authority to accept claims for reimbursement of costs related to care coordination surrounding school-based oral health services.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to oral health in schools; and declaring an emergency.

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

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO ORAL HEALTH

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7 **SECTION 1. As an integral part of the health education curriculum for students in**
8 **kindergarten through grade 12, each school district must provide age-appropriate instruction**
9 **in oral health.**

10 **SECTION 2. (1) Section 1 of this 2020 Act becomes operative on July 1, 2025.**

11 **(2)(a) Notwithstanding the operative date set forth in subsection (1) of this section, the**
12 **State Board of Education, no later than September 1, 2024, shall adopt any health education**
13 **content standards necessary to enable school district compliance with the requirements of**
14 **section 1 of this 2020 Act.**

15 **(b) For the purpose of adopting health education content standards as provided by para-**
16 **graph (a) of this subsection, the board shall consult with:**

17 **(A) Dental health professionals who have experience working in public health and with**
18 **children; and**

19 **(B) The dental director appointed by the Oregon Health Authority, or the director's**
20 **designee.**

21 **(3)(a) A school district must first offer instruction that meets the health education con-**
22 **tent standards adopted under subsection (2) of this section no later than the 2025-2026 school**
23 **year.**

24 **(b) Nothing in paragraph (a) of this subsection prevents a school district from first of-**
25 **fering instruction that meets the requirements of section 1 of this 2020 Act at any time be-**
26 **fore the school year set forth in paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

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.

1 COMMUNITY DENTAL HEALTH COORDINATOR PILOT PROGRAM

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3 **SECTION 3.** (1) As used in this section, “community dental health coordinator” means a
4 dental care team member who:

5 (a) Focuses on the prevention of dental disease;

6 (b) Uses community health worker skills to increase awareness of the importance of oral
7 health;

8 (c) May provide oral health services, including sealants and dental screening services;
9 and

10 (d) May refer patients to other dental health care providers and other licensed health
11 care providers as necessary.

12 (2) The Oregon Health Authority shall establish and maintain a Community Dental
13 Health Coordinator Pilot Program to support school-based oral health programs through the
14 deployment of community dental health coordinators.

15 (3) The pilot program must focus on the provision of school-based oral health care to
16 students who are of ethnic or racial minorities and students who are English language
17 learners, as defined in ORS 336.079.

18 (4) The pilot program shall place up to four community dental health coordinators
19 throughout the state. The pilot program may place up to two community dental health co-
20 ordinators in urban areas of this state and up to two community dental health coordinators
21 in rural areas of this state. The community dental health coordinators may be based at
22 nonprofit organizations, county health departments or local public health authorities, as de-
23 fined in ORS 431.003.

24 (5) The Oregon Health Authority shall apply to the United States Health Resources and
25 Services Administration for funding to support the pilot program. The authority may seek
26 additional sources of funding as necessary from public and private entities and may accept
27 gifts, grants and contributions for the purposes of carrying out the pilot program described
28 in this section. Funds received under this subsection shall be deposited in the Community
29 Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program Fund established under section 4 of this 2020 Act.

30 (6) The Oregon Health Authority may adopt rules as necessary to carry out this section.

31 **SECTION 4.** The Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program Fund is estab-
32 lished in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned
33 by the Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program Fund shall be credited to the
34 fund. The moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority
35 for the purposes described in section 3 of this 2020 Act.

36 **SECTION 5.** Sections 3 and 4 of this 2020 Act are repealed on January 2, 2022.

37 **SECTION 6.** (1) Sections 3 and 4 of this 2020 Act become operative on January 1, 2021.

38 (2) The Oregon Health Authority may take any action before the operative date specified
39 in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the authority to exercise, on and
40 after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions
41 and powers conferred on the authority by sections 3 and 4 of this 2020 Act.

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43 SCHOOL-BASED ORAL HEALTH CARE COORDINATION
44 BY COORDINATED CARE ORGANIZATIONS
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1 **SECTION 7.** (1) As used in this section:

2 (a) “Coordinated care organization” has the meaning given that term in ORS 414.025.

3 (b) “Global budget” has the meaning given that term in ORS 414.025.

4 (2) The Oregon Health Authority may not reduce a global budget or deny reimbursement
5 for the costs claimed by a coordinated care organization to provide care coordination or
6 other social services relating to improving access for students to school-based oral health
7 services.

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CAPTIONS

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11 **SECTION 8.** The unit captions used in this 2020 Act are provided only for the convenience
12 of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any leg-
13 islative intent in the enactment of this 2020 Act.

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EMERGENCY CLAUSE

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17 **SECTION 9.** This 2020 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
18 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2020 Act takes effect
19 on its passage.

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