

House Bill 2969

Sponsored by Representative NOSSE

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.

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. (1) Section 1 of this 2021 Act becomes operative on July 1, 2025.

(2)(a) Notwithstanding the operative date set forth in subsection (1) of this section, the State Board of Education, no later than September 1, 2024, shall adopt any health education content standards necessary to enable school district compliance with the requirements of section 1 of this 2021 Act.

(b) For the purpose of adopting health education content standards as provided by paragraph (a) of this subsection, the board shall consult with:

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

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

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

(b) Nothing in paragraph (a) of this subsection prevents a school district from first offering instruction that meets the requirements of section 1 of this 2021 Act at any time before the school year set forth in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section:

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

(b) "Global budget" has the meaning given that term in ORS 414.025.

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

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 **SECTION 4. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
2 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect**
3 **on its passage.**

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