

Requested by Representative NERON

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2408**

1 Delete lines 4 through 11 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Education shall establish and**
3 **oversee a pilot program to address the behavioral health needs of**
4 **students.**

5 **“(2) Under the program, Southern Oregon University shall develop**
6 **and administer a student behavioral health credentialing program. To**
7 **the extent practicable, the university shall enable at least 100 individ-**
8 **uals to receive credentialing under the program by June 30, 2023.**

9 **“(3) Training for the student behavioral health credentialing pro-**
10 **gram shall:**

11 **“(a) Advance the behavioral health skill level of school district staff**
12 **and of individuals interested in entering the workforce for student**
13 **behavioral health;**

14 **“(b) Align with standards for the student health credentialing pro-**
15 **gram to ensure predictability is provided for mental health care pro-**
16 **viders, school districts and other employers of individuals who receive**
17 **training; and**

18 **“(c) Be coordinated and provided by:**

19 **“(A) Southern Oregon University;**

20 **“(B) The education service district that serves Jackson, Josephine**
21 **and Klamath Counties; and**

1 “(C) Mental health care providers in Jackson, Josephine and
2 Klamath Counties.

3 “(4)(a) The Department of Education shall establish standards by
4 which financial assistance is made available under the pilot program
5 for the following:

6 “(A) Tuition costs and other costs incurred in relation to training
7 and credentialing;

8 “(B) Staffing costs incurred by employers while individuals attend
9 training; and

10 “(C) Costs incurred by providers of training.

11 “(b) When providing financial assistance under this subsection,
12 priority shall be given to enable the following to receive training and
13 credentialing:

14 “(A) Early childhood educators;

15 “(B) Classroom assistants and other school district staff from
16 kindergarten through grade 12; and

17 “(C) Behavioral health workers interested in assisting students.

18 “(5) The department shall report on the pilot program to the in-
19 terim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to education no
20 later than September 1, 2023. The report may include recommendations
21 for legislation and for methods of providing student behavioral health
22 credentialing and training throughout this state.

23 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on December 31,
24 2023.

25 “SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-
26 ation, there is appropriated to the Department of Education, for the
27 biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount
28 of \$100,000, which shall be expended for the pilot program described in
29 section 1 of this 2021 Act.

30 “SECTION 4. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate

1 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**
2 **declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect July 1, 2021.”.**

3
