

# House Bill 2959

Sponsored by Representative RUIZ (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**.

Establishes Task Force on Health Care Services in Oregon Schools to examine scope of duties of employment and practice for licensed health care providers employed by schools, school districts or education service districts to provide health care services.

Requires task force to examine health record systems that may be adopted by school, school district, education service district or Department of Education that would enable health care providers to maintain records of health-related information for students.

Directs task force to submit report on task force's findings and recommendations to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to education no later than September 15, 2024.

Sunset task force December 31, 2024.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to health care services in schools; and prescribing an effective date.

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

3 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Health Care Services in Oregon Schools is established.**

4 **(2) The task force consists of eleven members appointed as follows:**

5 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one nonvoting member from among mem-**  
6 **bers of the Senate.**

7 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one nonvoting member**  
8 **from among members of the House of Representatives.**

9 **(c) The Governor shall appoint nine voting members as follows:**

10 **(A) Four members representing licensed health care providers who are employed by a**  
11 **school, school district or education service district to provide health care services;**

12 **(B) Four members representing licensing boards that license health care providers who**  
13 **are employed by a school, school district or education service district to provide health care**  
14 **services; and**

15 **(C) One member representing the Department of Education who has knowledge or expe-**  
16 **rience with health care services provided by schools, school districts and education service**  
17 **districts.**

18 **(3) The task force shall:**

19 **(a) Examine the scope of practice for each type of licensed health care provider who is**  
20 **employed by a school, school district or education service district to provide health care**  
21 **services;**

22 **(b) Examine current policies and procedures adopted by schools, school districts and ed-**  
23 **ucation service districts regarding the scope of duties of employment for licensed health care**  
24 **providers who are employed by the school, school district or education service district to**  
25 **provide health care services in relation to the scope of practice for which the health care**  
26 **providers are licensed to practice;**  
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**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 (c) Establish criteria to define when policies and procedures adopted by schools, school  
2 districts and education service districts and the scope of duties of employment are incon-  
3 sistent with the scope of practice for which a health care provider is licensed to practice;

4 (d) Provide recommendations for ensuring policies and procedures adopted by schools,  
5 school districts and education service districts and the scope of duties of employment for li-  
6 censed health care providers who are employed by the school, school district or education  
7 service district to provide health care services are consistent with the scope of practice for  
8 which health care providers are licensed to practice; and

9 (e) Examine possible health record systems or characteristics of a health record system  
10 that may be adopted by a school, school district, education service district or the department  
11 that would enable health care providers employed by the school, school district or education  
12 service district to provide health care services to maintain records of health-related infor-  
13 mation for students.

14 (4) The task force may recommend legislation or changes to administrative rules within  
15 the statutory authority of the department.

16 (5) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the  
17 transaction of business.

18 (6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting  
19 members of the task force.

20 (7) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

21 (8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-  
22 ment to become immediately effective.

23 (9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson  
24 or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.

25 (10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

26 (11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and  
27 may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative  
28 Assembly related to education no later than September 15, 2024.

29 (12) The department shall provide staff support to the task force.

30 (13) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting  
31 members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.

32 (14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not  
33 entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task  
34 force.

35 (15) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist  
36 the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted  
37 by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task  
38 force consider necessary to perform their duties.

39 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on December 31, 2024.

40 SECTION 3. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023  
41 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.