

A-Engrossed House Bill 2729

Ordered by the House March 24
Including House Amendments dated March 24

Sponsored by Representative PHAM H, Senator REYNOLDS, Representatives NERON, MARSH; Representatives CHOTZEN, FRAGALA, GAMBA, GRAYBER, HUDSON, MCDONALD, NGUYEN H, NOSSE, WALTERS, Senators FREDERICK, PHAM K (Pre-session 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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells the OHA to issue grants and take other actions to increase school-based health services. (Flesch Readability Score: 70.1).

[Digest: The Act tells the OHA to adjust its school-based health center grants for inflation. The Act tells the OHA to issue grants and take other actions to increase school-based health services. The Act authorizes lottery bonds for school-based health services. (Flesch Readability Score: 66.4).]

[Directs the Oregon Health Authority to modify the amounts of grants for school-based health centers for inflation.]

[Directs the authority to issue grants for the planning and operation of school-based health services.]

Directs the [authority] **Oregon Health Authority** to develop and implement a program to issue grants to increase and improve school-based mental health services and substance use services.

Directs the authority to study methods for providing or increasing reimbursement for mental health services delivered through school-based health centers.

[Authorizes the issuance of lottery bonds for school-based health center purposes.]

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to schools; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. The Oregon Health Authority shall develop and implement a grant program**
5 **to issue grants to school districts, education service districts and entities that provide**
6 **physical or behavioral health services to be used to increase and improve school-based men-**
7 **tal health services and substance use prevention, screening, referral and treatment services.**
8 **The authority shall ensure that grants are made for the benefit of schools both with and**
9 **without school-based health centers, as defined in ORS 413.225.**

10 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
11 **ated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the**
12 **General Fund, the amount of \$7,000,000 to carry out the provisions of section 1 of this 2025**
13 **Act.**

14 **SECTION 3. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall study methods for providing or in-**
15 **creasing reimbursement for mental health services delivered through school-based health**
16 **centers, as defined in ORS 413.225, under medical assistance programs administered by the**
17 **authority.**

18 **(2) The authority may make written recommendations to the Legislative Assembly in the**
19 **manner provided by ORS 192.245, which may include recommendations for legislation, in-**

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 **cluding continuation or expansion of funding provided under sections 1 and 2 of this 2025 Act.**

2 **(3) The authority may adopt rules to support reimbursements described in subsection (1)**
3 **of this section.**

4 **SECTION 4. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025**
5 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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