

House Bill 2924

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SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act makes changes to the SOCAC membership. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.8).
Modifies the number and description of members on the System of Care Advisory Council.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the System of Care Advisory Council; amending ORS 418.978.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 418.978 is amended to read:

5 418.978. (1) A commission known as the System of Care Advisory Council is established.

6 (2) The council consists of [25] **29** members appointed as follows:

7 (a) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall appoint one representative from the Judicial
8 Department.

9 (b) The Governor shall appoint:

10 (A) Two members who are representatives of the Department of Human Services with extensive
11 knowledge of systems of care, one of whom must have direct experience with intellectual and de-
12 velopmental disabilities programs.

13 (B) One member who is a representative of the Oregon Youth Authority with extensive knowl-
14 edge of systems of care.

15 (C) One member who is a representative of the Oregon Health Authority with extensive knowl-
16 edge of systems of care.

17 (D) One member who is a representative of the Department of Education.

18 (E) Two members who are representatives of coordinated care organizations meeting the criteria
19 adopted by the Oregon Health Authority under ORS 414.572, at least one of which must provide
20 services to rural communities.

21 (F) One psychiatrist, one psychologist and one pediatric physician, each of whom must have
22 clinical experience with youth.

23 (G) One member who is a representative of an entity that offers commercial insurance.

24 (H) Three members who are representatives of agencies that provide different services and
25 supports to youth and families of youth.

26 (I) One member who is a representative of organizations that advocate for youth.

27 (J) One member who is a representative of organizations that advocate for families of youth.

28 (K) [Two] **Four** members of the public, each of whom are family members of:

29 (i) Persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities or mental illness; or

30 (ii) Persons who are currently or were previously in the foster care system or the youth criminal

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 justice system.

2 (L) [Two] **Four** members of the public who are no more than 25 years of age at the time of ap-
 3 pointment or reappointment and who:

4 (i) Are persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities or mental illness; or

5 (ii) Are currently or were previously [*a ward, youth or adjudicated youth, as those terms are de-*
 6 *finied in ORS 419A.004*] **involved with the child welfare or juvenile justice system.**

7 (M) One member who is a county juvenile department director.

8 (N) One member who is a county mental health program director.

9 (O) One member who is a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe in this state or a
 10 designee of the Indian tribe.

11 (P) One member who is a representative of Oregon’s federally mandated disability protection and
 12 advocacy agency.

13 (3) The term of office of each member of the council is four years, but a member serves at the
 14 pleasure of the appointing authority. Before the expiration of the term of a member, a successor
 15 shall be appointed whose term begins on January 2 next following. A member is eligible for reap-
 16 pointment to one additional term. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall
 17 make an appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired term.

18 (4)(a) Members of the council who are not state employees are not entitled to compensation or
 19 reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the council.

20 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, members of the council described in sub-
 21 section (2)(b)(K) and (L) of this section may be reimbursed for travel and other reasonable expenses
 22 associated with serving on the council.

23 (5) Members of the council who are state employees carrying out their state employment func-
 24 tions are entitled to compensation and reimbursement by their employing agencies for actual and
 25 necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties as
 26 members of the council.

27 (6) The Governor shall appoint one of the members as chairperson, to serve at the pleasure of
 28 the Governor. The members of the council shall elect from among themselves a vice chairperson
 29 who shall preside over meetings and exercise the functions of the chairperson during the absence
 30 or disability of the chairperson. The chairperson and the vice chairperson shall execute the duties
 31 determined by the council to be necessary.

32 (7) The council shall appoint an executive director who shall be in the exempt service and who
 33 shall be responsible for the performance of duties assigned by the council. Subject to the State
 34 Personnel Relations Law, the executive director may employ appropriate staff to carry out the du-
 35 ties assigned by the council.

36 (8) The council shall meet at least four times per year at a place, day and hour determined by
 37 the council.

38 (9) A majority of the members of the council constitutes a quorum for the transaction of busi-
 39 ness.

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