

Requested by Representative PHAM H

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2729**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 23 and delete pages
2 2 and 3 and insert:

3 **SECTION 1. (1) Grants awarded to school-based health centers by**
4 **the Oregon Health Authority under ORS 413.225 (4)(a) must be for a**
5 **minimum annual amount of \$70,000 adjusted under subsection (2) of**
6 **this section.**

7 **“(2) To account for effects of inflation, the authority shall, by rule,**
8 **annually adjust the dollar amount specified in subsection (1) of this**
9 **section based on the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers,**
10 **West Region (All Items), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statis-**
11 **tics of the United States Department of Labor.**

12 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-**
13 **ation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the**
14 **biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount**
15 **of \$900,000 to carry out the provisions of section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

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

17 **“(a) ‘School-based health center’ has the meaning given that term**
18 **in ORS 413.225.**

19 **“(b) ‘School nurse model’ means a model for enhancing school**
20 **nursing services that is in accord with guidance from the division of**
21 **the Oregon Health Authority that addresses adolescent health.**

1 **“(2) The authority, in consultation with the Department of Educa-**
2 **tion, shall select 10 school districts or education service districts to**
3 **receive planning grants for district planning and technical assistance.**
4 **Each district receiving a grant shall, before July 1, 2027:**

5 **“(a) Evaluate the need for school-based health services, including**
6 **but not limited to school-based health centers and school nursing, in**
7 **the community of the district; and**

8 **“(b) Develop a school-based health services plan that addresses the**
9 **need identified in paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

10 **“(3) The authority shall contract with a nonprofit organization with**
11 **experience in facilitating school health planning initiatives and sup-**
12 **porting school-based health centers in order to facilitate and oversee**
13 **the planning process and to provide technical assistance to grantees**
14 **to reduce costs and ensure better coordination and continuity state-**
15 **wide. To the greatest extent practicable, the nonprofit organization**
16 **shall engage with culturally specific organizations in the grantees’**
17 **communities that have experience providing culturally and linguis-**
18 **tically specific services in schools or after-school programs.**

19 **“(4) Each grantee shall solicit community participation in the**
20 **planning process, including, without limitation, the participation of**
21 **the local public health authority, any federally qualified health centers**
22 **located in the district, a regional health equity coalition, if any, serv-**
23 **ing the district and every coordinated care organization with members**
24 **residing in the district.**

25 **“(5) At the conclusion of the planning process, the authority shall**
26 **issue additional grants to appropriate recipients to operate a school-**
27 **based health center or school nurse model in each respective grantee**
28 **school district or education service district.**

29 **“SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-**
30 **ation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the**

1 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount
2 of \$600,000 to carry out the provisions of section 3 of this 2025 Act.

3 **“SECTION 5.** The Oregon Health Authority shall develop and im-
4 plement a grant program to issue grants to entities that provide
5 physical or behavioral health services to be used to increase and im-
6 prove school-based mental health services and substance use pre-
7 vention, screening, referral and treatment services. The authority
8 shall ensure that grants are made for the benefit of schools both with
9 and without school-based health centers, as defined in ORS 413.225.

10 **“SECTION 6.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-
11 ation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the
12 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount
13 of \$7,850,000 to carry out the provisions of section 5 of this 2025 Act.

14 **“SECTION 7.** (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall study methods
15 for providing or increasing reimbursement for mental health services
16 delivered through school-based health centers, as defined in ORS
17 413.225, under medical assistance programs administered by the au-
18 thority.

19 **“(2)** The authority may make written recommendations to the
20 Legislative Assembly in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, which
21 may include recommendations for legislation, including continuation
22 or expansion of funding provided under sections 5 and 6 of this 2025
23 Act.

24 **“(3)** The authority may adopt rules to support reimbursements de-
25 scribed in subsection (1) of this section.

26 **“SECTION 8.** In each biennium, the Oregon Health Authority shall,
27 in its agency request budget filed under ORS 291.208, request moneys
28 sufficient to sustain the ongoing operation of:

29 **“(1)** School-based health centers and school nurse models funded
30 under section 3 (5) of this 2025 Act; and

