

A-Engrossed
House Bill 3524

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Including House Amendments dated April 30

Sponsored by Representatives GELSER, OLSON; Representatives BRUUN, CANNON, DALLUM, ESQUIVEL, FLORES, GILLIAM, GIROD, KRIEGER, MAURER, NELSON, ROBLAN, ROSENBAUM, SCHAUFLE, SMITH, TOMEI, WHISNANT, Senators ATKINSON, BEYER, BROWN, BURDICK, NELSON

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.

[Establishes Mental Health Database to assist law enforcement officers in assisting mentally ill individuals to obtain medical, mental health and social services.]

[Becomes operative July 1, 2008.]

Creates Task Force on Establishing Mental Health Database to identify issues, explore solutions and make recommendations to Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly regarding establishment and implementation of database to aid law enforcement officers in assisting mentally ill individuals to obtain medical, mental health and social services.

Sunsets task force on January 2, 2009.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to a Mental Health Database; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Task Force on Establishing a Mental Health Data-**
5 **base, consisting of 13 members appointed as follows:**

6 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the**
7 **Senate.**

8 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**
9 **members of the House of Representatives.**

10 **(c) The Governor shall appoint the following nine members:**

11 **(A) One member from the Department of State Police;**

12 **(B) One member from the Department of Human Services;**

13 **(C) One member from the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association;**

14 **(D) One member from the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police; and**

15 **(E) Five members who have a demonstrated interest in facilitating law enforcement**
16 **interaction with mentally ill persons. These members may be selected from state and local**
17 **agencies, advocacy groups for the mentally ill, mental health clients and their families and**
18 **caregivers, and the medical community.**

19 **(2)(a) In appointing the members of the task force, the chief sponsors of this 2007 Act**
20 **shall be consulted:**

21 **(A) By the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, as**
22 **applicable, to determine the chief sponsors' interest in participating as members of the task**
23 **force; and**

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 (B) By the Governor to assist in identifying task force members.

2 (b) The appointing authorities shall appoint members of the task force that represent a
3 diverse array of communities in terms of size and geographic location.

4 (3) The task force shall identify issues, explore solutions and make recommendations the
5 Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly regarding the establishment and implementation of a
6 Mental Health Database to aid law enforcement officers in assisting mentally ill individuals
7 to obtain medical, mental health and social services.

8 (4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction
9 of business.

10 (5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members
11 of the task force.

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

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

15 (8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
16 or a majority of the members of the task force.

17 (9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

18 (10) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-
19 lation, to the appropriate interim legislative committee with oversight of the judiciary or, if
20 no such interim legislative committee is created, to the Speaker of the House of Represen-
21 tatives and the President of the Senate, no later than October 1, 2008.

22 (11) Notwithstanding ORS 171.072, members of the task force who are members of the
23 Legislative Assembly are not entitled to mileage expenses or a per diem and serve as volun-
24 teers on the task force. Other members of the task force are not entitled to compensation
25 or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.

26 (12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
27 the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating
28 to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force
29 consider necessary to perform their duties.

30 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2007 Act is repealed on January 2, 2009.

31 SECTION 3. This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
32 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect
33 on its passage.

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