

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 723**

Ordered by the Senate April 17  
Including Senate Amendments dated April 17

Sponsored by Senator GORDLY

**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.

*[Creates interim legislative committee to develop, with assistance of advisory committee, plan for coordination of services and creation of integrated funding of services to children with severe emotional or mental disorders.]*

*[Sunsets on date of convening of next biennial legislative session.]*

**Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Human Services for biennial expenses related to Children's System Change Initiative and mental health services to children and families.**

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to children's mental health; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

3       Whereas the Children's System Change Initiative has made a commitment to reduce  
4 institutionalization and achieve better outcomes by developing intensive community-based treatment  
5 services to keep children "at home, in school, and out of trouble"; and

6       Whereas treating children early will prevent disabilities before co-occurring mental illnesses  
7 develop; and

8       Whereas a system of care approach is a wise investment that will underscore the goal of inte-  
9 grated services for children with high mental health needs who are involved in multiple systems;  
10 now, therefore,

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

12       **SECTION 1. There is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the**  
13 **biennium beginning July 1, 2007, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$5.5 million for the**  
14 **purpose of funding the ongoing development and services of the Children's System Change**  
15 **Initiative to ensure that each child who needs services receives the level of care and**  
16 **wraparound services determined appropriate by a reliable diagnostic instrument.**

17       **SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the**  
18 **biennium beginning July 1, 2007, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$5.5 million for the**  
19 **following purposes:**

20       **(1) To establish a mechanism to ensure that funds go directly to providers of mental**  
21 **health services to children and families, in order to close the workforce compensation gap;**  
22 **and**

23       **(2) To expand capacity for intensive community-based treatment services and supports**  
24 **by establishing a mechanism to pay to providers rates that cover both the cost of services**  
25 **and the creation of new services.**

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

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