

Senate Bill 791

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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 **as introduced**.

Creates Task Force on Mental Health and Addiction Services for Underserved Populations.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to Task Force on Mental Health and Addiction Services for Underserved Populations; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Task Force on Mental Health and Addiction Services**
6 **for Underserved Populations consisting of 24 members appointed as follows:**

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

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

11 (c) **The Governor shall appoint 20 members as follows:**

12 (A) **Two representatives of the Department of Human Services who are experienced with**
13 **community-based issues, services and programs related to seniors and persons with disabili-**
14 **ties;**

15 (B) **Two representatives of the Department of Human Services who are experienced with**
16 **community-based issues, services and programs related to mental health and addiction ser-**
17 **vices;**

18 (C) **Two representatives of area agencies on aging;**

19 (D) **Three representatives of county mental health programs, including one program**
20 **consumer or one family member of a consumer;**

21 (E) **Two persons who are providers of mental health and addiction services;**

22 (F) **Two persons experienced with programs related to multicultural health;**

23 (G) **Two persons who are consumers of services provided by the Department of Human**
24 **Services;**

25 (H) **Four persons representing advocacy or consumer organizations that act on behalf**
26 **of seniors, persons with disabilities or ethnic minorities; and**

27 (I) **One representative of an organization providing advocacy on behalf of persons with**
28 **mental health needs.**

29 (2) **The task force shall develop a plan for a comprehensive, integrated system of mental**
30 **health and addiction services for seniors, persons with disabilities and persons in under-**

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 served racial or ethnic communities.

2 (3) The task force may:

3 (a) Study, assess and recommend programs and projects, including pilot projects, to en-
4 courage coordinated efforts at the state and local levels to improve the state's mental health
5 and addiction services delivery system;

6 (b) Develop recommendations for appropriate and adequate screening of mental health
7 and addiction needs in community settings;

8 (c) Assess and make recommendations concerning the treatment of offenders with men-
9 tal illnesses; and

10 (d) Undertake any other strategy designed to increase and improve mental health and
11 addiction services for seniors, persons with disabilities and persons in underserved racial or
12 ethnic communities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (10) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-
24 lation, to an interim committee related to human services no later than October 1, 2008.

25 (11) The Department of Human Services shall provide staff support to the task force.

26 (12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
27 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
28 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
29 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
30 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Department of Human Ser-
31 vices for that purpose.

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

36 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2007 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the next
37 regular biennial legislative session.

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