

House Bill 2666

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SUMMARY

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Creates work group on perinatal mental health disorders within Department of Human Services.
Specifies duties of work group.
Sunsets work group on date of convening of next regular legislative session.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to perinatal mental health disorders; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is created in the Department of Human Services the work group**
5 **on perinatal mental health disorders, consisting of the following members appointed by the**
6 **Director of Human Services:**

7 (a) **Public health professionals specializing in maternal health or mental health or treat-**
8 **ment or research of perinatal mental health disorders.**

9 (b) **Medical providers and researchers with expertise in primary or family care,**
10 **obstetrics, gynecology or pediatrics.**

11 (c) **Representatives of hospitals, medical centers, birth centers and childbirth profes-**
12 **sionals.**

13 (d) **Representatives of medical and nursing schools with expertise in the field of public**
14 **health.**

15 (e) **Mental health providers who specialize in maternal or child mental health.**

16 (f) **Representatives of community-based and social support organizations involved in**
17 **providing education about or support for or promoting awareness of perinatal mental health.**

18 (g) **Representatives of private and public insurance companies and health benefit plans.**

19 (h) **Representatives of vulnerable communities and cultures.**

20 (i) **Other individuals the director deems necessary.**

21 (2) **The work group shall, with respect to perinatal mental health disorders:**

22 (a) **Identify vulnerable populations and risk factors for perinatal mental health disorders**
23 **in Oregon;**

24 (b) **Identify preventive measures that are effective, culturally competent, accessible and**
25 **meet the needs of those most at risk for perinatal depression and other perinatal mental**
26 **health disorders;**

27 (c) **Recommend strategies for promoting public education and awareness;**

28 (d) **Recommend evidence-based screening tools and methods for identifying perinatal**
29 **mental health disorders;**

30 (e) **Recommend health care provider education and training;**

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 (f) Recommend evidence-based treatment, including social support services;

2 (g) Recommend evidence-based practices for health care providers and public health
3 systems;

4 (h) Identify successful projects implemented in other states and recommend the pro-
5 grams, tools, implementation strategies and funding sources to initiate similar projects in
6 Oregon;

7 (i) Recommend private and public funding models for prevention and care; and

8 (j) Identify actions to be taken by the year 2015 to reduce the risk of harm to women and
9 their children related to perinatal mental health disorders and a time frame for taking those
10 actions.

11 (3) A majority of the members of the work group constitutes a quorum for the trans-
12 action of business.

13 (4) Official action by the work group requires the approval of a majority of the members
14 of the work group.

15 (5) The work group shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

16 (6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the director shall make an appointment to become
17 immediately effective.

18 (7) The work group shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
19 or of a majority of the members of the work group.

20 (8) The work group may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the work group.

21 (9) The work group shall submit a report with findings and recommendations for legis-
22 lation, changes in rules, standards, policies and funding to the Legislative Assembly no later
23 than September 15, 2010.

24 (10) Members of the work group are not entitled to compensation or expenses.

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

29 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2009 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the next
30 regular biennial legislative session.

31 **SECTION 3.** This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
32 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect
33 on its passage.

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