

Senate Bill 423

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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**.

Authorizes Department of Corrections and Oregon Youth Authority to certify employees for purposes of providing mental health services to inmates and persons in custody of authority.

Validates provision of mental health services provided on or after January 1, 2011, and before date 30 days after rules adopted by department or authority become effective.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to certification of state employees for purposes of providing mental health services to per-
3 sons in custody of state; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Corrections may certify employees of the department**
6 **to provide mental health services to inmates in Department of Corrections institutions in**
7 **accordance with standards established by the department by rule.**

8 (2) As used in this section, "Department of Corrections institutions" has the meaning
9 given that term in ORS 421.005.

10 **SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Youth Authority may certify employees of the authority to**
11 **provide mental health services to youth offenders and other persons placed in the physical**
12 **custody of the authority in accordance with standards established by the authority by rule.**

13 (2) As used in this section, "youth offenders" has the meaning given that term in ORS
14 419A.004.

15 **SECTION 3. The licensure, certification and practice requirements established by chapter**
16 **442, Oregon Laws 2009, do not apply to the provision of mental health services by current**
17 **or former employees of:**

18 (1) The Department of Corrections, if the mental health services are provided within the
19 employee's scope of employment with the department on or after January 1, 2011, and before
20 the date that is 30 days after the effective date of the rules adopted under section 1 of this
21 2011 Act.

22 (2) The Oregon Youth Authority, if the mental health services are provided within the
23 employee's scope of employment with the authority on or after January 1, 2011, and before
24 the date that is 30 days after the effective date of rules adopted by the authority under sec-
25 tion 2 of this 2011 Act.

26 **SECTION 4. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
27 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect**
28 **on its passage.**

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.

