

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Knopp, Kruse, Shields, Steiner Hayward, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/4, 4/15, 4/16, 4/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires insurers cover, with prior authorization, up to 25 hours per week of applied behavioral analysis (ABA) services to child eight years of age or younger diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder by licensed qualified provider and under approved treatment plan. Provides definitions. Establishes seven-member Behavior Analysis Regulatory Board within Oregon Health Licensing Agency, to be appointed by Governor. Specifies membership, duties, term of office, and rule criteria. Authorizes Board to issue license and collect fees. Establishes operative dates. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Autism spectrum
- Applied behavior therapy (ABA) expenses
- Review of ABA training and qualifications
- Autism treatment and diagnosis
- Personal experiences with autistic children and insurance companies
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Requires insurers cover, with prior authorization, up to 25 hours per week of applied behavioral analysis (ABA) services to child eight years of age or younger diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder by licensed qualified provider and under approved treatment plan. Provides definitions. Establishes seven-member Behavior Analysis Regulatory Board within Oregon Health Licensing Agency, to be appointed by Governor. Specifies membership, duties, term of office, and rule criteria. Authorizes Board to issue license and collect fees.

BACKGROUND: Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and autism are general terms for a group of complex disorders of brain development. These disorders are characterized, in varying degrees, by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication and repetitive behaviors. They include autistic disorder, Rett syndrome, childhood disintegrative disorder, pervasive developmental disorder-not otherwise specified (PDD-NOS) and Asperger syndrome. ASD can be associated with intellectual disability, difficulties in motor coordination and attention and physical health issues such as sleep and gastrointestinal disturbances. Some persons with ASD excel in visual skills, music, math and art. Autism appears to have its roots in very early brain development. However, the most obvious signs of autism and symptoms of autism tend to emerge between 2 and 3 years of age.

Senate Bill 365-A is the product of the insurers and advocate workgroup.

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