

# House Bill 2326

Sponsored by Representative BUCKLEY (Pre-session filed.)

## 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**.

Modifies uses to which Oregon Health Authority may put Health System Fund moneys.

Authorizes authority to enter into contract with entity that coordinates efforts of school-based health centers for purpose of providing assistance to school-based health centers that receive certain grant moneys.

Directs authority to prepare report on cost-effectiveness of investing in and expanding grant program with respect to school-based health centers. Requires submission of report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to health and education on or before December 31, 2013. Sunsets January 2, 2014.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to school-based health centers; creating new provisions; amending section 1, chapter 867,  
3 Oregon Laws 2009; and declaring an emergency.

4 Whereas school-based health centers are an evidence-based model of care that contain the cost  
5 of health care; and

6 Whereas school-based health centers utilize a cost-effective interdisciplinary team approach to  
7 delivering coordinated primary health care across physical, behavioral, emotional and social dimen-  
8 sions, within the context of family and community; and

9 Whereas school-based health centers can reduce inappropriate emergency room use, increase  
10 use of primary care and result in fewer hospitalizations among regular users; and

11 Whereas children who are uninsured are more likely to suffer from health problems; and

12 Whereas school-based health centers provide care to uninsured children; and

13 Whereas school-based health centers help uninsured children obtain comprehensive insurance  
14 coverage; and

15 Whereas school-based health centers are the first, and occasionally the only, access point for  
16 continuous and comprehensive care for young people with a variety of complex medical, behavioral  
17 and social needs; and

18 Whereas school-based health centers promote positive youth development by helping reduce  
19 risky behaviors associated with more serious social conditions, such as alcohol and drug abuse, ju-  
20 venile crime, teen pregnancy, teen suicide and violent behaviors; and

21 Whereas school-based health centers support educational outcomes; and

22 Whereas educational achievement is a strong predictor of a person's long-term health; and

23 Whereas evidence shows that there is a profound connection between a student's health status  
24 and educational achievement; and

25 Whereas school-based health centers have been linked to decreased absenteeism and tardiness  
26 in school; and

27 Whereas school-based health centers have been linked to increased grade point averages among

**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 users of mental health services provided by the centers; and

2 Whereas school-based health centers that are supported by the state perform critical public  
3 health functions through the development and ongoing refinement of a system of care that meets the  
4 developmental needs of adolescents, promotes evidence-based practices for children and prioritizes  
5 public health through such activities as setting certification and performance standards, collecting  
6 and analyzing clinical data, conducting ongoing assessments and special studies and defining a  
7 statewide planning and development process; and

8 Whereas the development of budget priorities, the establishment of funding formulas and the  
9 contracting for state allocations to support school-based health centers is a leading priority of this  
10 state; and

11 Whereas the Oregon chapter of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care advocates  
12 for local, state and national policies, programs and funding to expand and strengthen school-based  
13 health centers; and

14 Whereas the Oregon chapter of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care provides  
15 technical assistance and community-specific and ongoing training to school-based health centers;  
16 now, therefore,

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

18 **SECTION 1.** Section 1, chapter 867, Oregon Laws 2009, as amended by section 46, chapter 828,  
19 Oregon Laws 2009, section 2, chapter 73, Oregon Laws 2010, and section 31, chapter 602, Oregon  
20 Laws 2011, is amended to read:

21 **Sec. 1.** (1) The Health System Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct  
22 from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Health System Fund shall be credited to the fund.

23 (2) Amounts in the Health System Fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Health  
24 Authority for the purpose of:

25 (a) Funding the Health Care for All Oregon Children program established in ORS 414.231, health  
26 services described in ORS 414.025 (8)(a) to (j) and other health services[.]; **and**

27 **(b) Providing grants under ORS 413.225 to school-based health centers.**

28 **(3) The authority may also use** moneys in the fund [*may also be used by the authority*] to:

29 (a) Provide grants **under ORS 413.225** to community health centers and safety net clinics **that**  
30 **are not school-based health centers** [*under ORS 413.225*].

31 (b) Pay refunds due under section 41, chapter 736, Oregon Laws 2003, and under section 11,  
32 chapter 867, Oregon Laws 2009.

33 (c) Pay administrative costs incurred by the authority to administer the assessment in section  
34 9, chapter 867, Oregon Laws 2009.

35 (d) Provide health services described in ORS 414.025 (8) to individuals described in ORS 414.025  
36 (3)(f)(B).

37 [(3)] **(4)** The authority shall develop a system for reimbursement by the authority to the Office  
38 of Private Health Partnerships out of the Health System Fund for costs associated with administer-  
39 ing the private health option pursuant to ORS 414.826.

40 **SECTION 2.** (1) **The Oregon Health Authority may enter into a contract with an entity**  
41 **that coordinates the efforts of school-based health centers for the purpose of providing as-**  
42 **sistance to school-based health centers that receive grant moneys under ORS 413.225.**

43 **(2) A contract entered into under this section must require the entity to:**

44 **(a) Provide technical assistance and community-specific ongoing training to school-based**  
45 **health centers, school districts and education service districts;**

1       **(b) Assist school-based health centers in improving business practices, including prac-**  
2 **tices related to billing and efficiencies; and**

3       **(c) Assist school-based health centers in expanding their relationships with coordinated**  
4 **care organizations, sponsors of medical care for school-age children and other community-**  
5 **based providers of school-based health and mental health services.**

6       **SECTION 3. (1) The Oregon Health Authority, in consultation with the Oregon chapter**  
7 **of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care, shall prepare a report on the cost-**  
8 **effectiveness of investing in and expanding the grant program described in ORS 413.225 with**  
9 **respect to school-based health centers. The report shall include an analysis of and recom-**  
10 **mendations for the optimum number of school districts that need to receive services from**  
11 **a school-based health center in order to effectively expand the grant program and the num-**  
12 **ber of existing school-based health centers that could provide those services.**

13       **(2) The authority shall submit the report, and may submit recommendations for legis-**  
14 **lation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health and education**  
15 **on or before December 31, 2013.**

16       **SECTION 4. Section 3 of this 2013 Act is repealed on January 2, 2014.**

17       **SECTION 5. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
18 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect**  
19 **on its passage.**

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