

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2445**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after the semicolon insert “creating new
2 provisions; amending ORS 413.225 and section 1, chapter 867, Oregon Laws
3 2009;”.

4 After line 2, insert:

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

7 “Whereas school-based health centers utilize a cost-effective interdisci-
8 plinary team approach to delivering coordinated primary health care across
9 physical, behavioral, emotional and social dimensions, within the context of
10 family and community; and

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

14 “Whereas children who are uninsured are more likely to suffer from
15 health problems; and

16 “Whereas school-based health centers provide care to uninsured children;
17 and

18 “Whereas school-based health centers help uninsured children obtain
19 comprehensive insurance coverage; and

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

1 “Whereas school-based health centers promote positive youth development
2 by helping reduce risky behaviors associated with more serious social con-
3 ditions, such as alcohol and drug abuse, juvenile crime, teen pregnancy, teen
4 suicide and violent behaviors; and

5 “Whereas school-based health centers support educational outcomes; and

6 “Whereas educational achievement is a strong predictor of a person’s
7 long-term health; and

8 “Whereas evidence shows that there is a profound connection between a
9 student’s health status and educational achievement; and

10 “Whereas school-based health centers have been linked to decreased ab-
11 senteeism and tardiness in school; and

12 “Whereas school-based health centers have been linked to increased grade
13 point averages among users of mental health services provided by the cen-
14 ters; and

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

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

21 “Whereas the Oregon chapter of the National Assembly on School-Based
22 Health Care provides technical assistance and community-specific and ongo-
23 ing training to school-based health centers; now, therefore,”.

24 Delete lines 4 through 12 and insert:

25 **“SECTION 1. The division of the Oregon Health Authority that is**
26 **charged with public health functions:**

27 **“(1) Shall develop and continuously refine a system of care that:**

28 **“(a) Meets the developmental needs of adolescents;**

29 **“(b) Promotes evidence-based practices for children; and**

30 **“(c) Prioritizes public health through activities such as:**

1 **“(A) Establishing certification and performance standards;**
2 **“(B) Collecting and analyzing clinical data;**
3 **“(C) Conducting ongoing assessments and special studies; and**
4 **“(D) Defining a statewide planning and development process.**
5 **“(2) Shall adopt by rule the procedures and criteria for the certifi-**
6 **ication, suspension and decertification of school-based health centers.**
7 **The procedures must allow certified school-based health centers a**
8 **reasonable period of time to cure any defects in compliance prior to**
9 **the suspension or decertification of the school-based health center.**
10 **“(3) Shall convene work groups to recommend best practices for**
11 **school-based health centers with respect to electronic health records,**
12 **billing, joint purchasing, business models and patient centered primary**
13 **care home certification or accreditation.**
14 **“(4)(a) May, in addition to the duties described in subsection (1) of**
15 **this section, enter into a contract with an entity that coordinates the**
16 **efforts of school-based health centers for the purpose of providing as-**
17 **sistance to school-based health centers that receive grant moneys un-**
18 **der ORS 413.225.**
19 **“(b) A contract entered into under this subsection must require the**
20 **entity to:**
21 **“(A) Provide technical assistance and community-specific ongoing**
22 **training to school-based health centers, school districts and education**
23 **service districts;**
24 **“(B) Assist school-based health centers in improving business**
25 **practices, including practices related to billing and efficiencies;**
26 **“(C) Assist school-based health centers in expanding their relation-**
27 **ships with coordinated care organizations, sponsors of medical care for**
28 **school-age children and other community-based providers of school-**
29 **based health and mental health services; and**
30 **“(D) Facilitate the integration of health and education policies and**

1 **programs at the local level so that school-based health centers operate**
2 **in an optimal environment.**

3 **“SECTION 2.** ORS 413.225 is amended to read:

4 **“413.225. (1) As used in this section[,]:**

5 **“(a) ‘Community health center’ or ‘safety net clinic’ means a nonprofit**
6 **medical clinic or school-based health center that provides primary physical**
7 **health, vision, dental or mental health services to low-income patients with-**
8 **out charge or using a sliding scale based on the income of the patient.**

9 **“(b) ‘School-based health center’ means a health clinic that:**

10 **“(A) Is located on the grounds of a school in a school district or on**
11 **the grounds of a school operated by a federally recognized Indian tribe**
12 **or tribal organization;**

13 **“(B) Is administered by a county, state, federal or private organ-**
14 **ization that ensures that certification requirements are met and pro-**
15 **vides project funding through grants, contracts, billing or other**
16 **sources of funds;**

17 **“(C) Is operated exclusively for the purpose of providing health**
18 **services such as:**

19 **“(i) Primary care;**

20 **“(ii) Preventive health care;**

21 **“(iii) Management and monitoring of chronic health conditions;**

22 **“(iv) Behavioral health care;**

23 **“(v) Oral health care; and**

24 **“(vi) Health education services; and**

25 **“(D) Provides health services to children and adolescents, using one**
26 **or more:**

27 **“(i) Licensed or certified health professionals;**

28 **“(ii) Students enrolled in a professional medical, nursing or dental**
29 **program at an accredited university; or**

30 **“(iii) Expanded practice dental hygienists holding permits issued**

1 **under ORS 680.200.**

2 “(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall award grants **administered by**
3 **the Public Health Director** to community health centers or **grants ad-**
4 **ministered by the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research** to
5 safety net clinics to ensure the capacity of each grantee to provide health
6 care services to underserved or vulnerable populations, within the limits of
7 funds provided by the Legislative Assembly for this purpose.

8 “(3) The authority shall provide outreach for the Health Care for All
9 Oregon Children program, including development and administration of an
10 application assistance program, and including grants to provide funding to
11 organizations and local groups for outreach and enrollment activities for the
12 program, within the limits of funds provided by the Legislative Assembly for
13 this purpose.

14 “(4) [*Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (3) of this section,*] The authority
15 shall:

16 “(a) **Provide stable, consistent and predictable funding for school-**
17 **based health centers certified under section 1 of this 2013 Act;**

18 “(b) Provide funds for **the** expansion and continuation of school-based
19 health centers **that are operating on the effective date of this 2013 Act**
20 **and that become certified under section 1 of this 2013 Act;**

21 “(c) **Direct funds to communities with certified school-based health**
22 **centers and to communities planning for a certified school-based**
23 **health center; and**

24 “(d) **Create a pool of funds available to provide financial incentives**
25 **to:**

26 “(A) **Increase the number of school-based health centers certified**
27 **as patient centered primary care homes without requiring school-**
28 **based health centers to be certified as patient centered primary care**
29 **homes;**

30 “(B) **Improve the coordination of the care of patients served by co-**

1 **ordinated care organizations and school-based health centers; and**

2 **“(C) Improve the effectiveness of the delivery of health services**
3 **through school-based health centers to children who qualify for med-**
4 **ical assistance.**

5 **“(5) The authority shall by rule adopt criteria for awarding grants and**
6 **providing funds [under] in accordance with this section.**

7 **“(6) [The authority shall analyze and evaluate the implementation of the**
8 **Health Care for All Oregon Children program.] The authority shall reim-**
9 **burse a school-based health center on a fee-for-service basis for ser-**
10 **vices covered by the medical assistance program that are provided to**
11 **a child who is a member of a coordinated care organization if the co-**
12 **ordinated care organization does not reimburse the center for the**
13 **services.**

14 **“SECTION 3.** Section 1, chapter 867, Oregon Laws 2009, as amended by
15 section 46, chapter 828, Oregon Laws 2009, section 2, chapter 73, Oregon
16 Laws 2010 and section 31, chapter 602, Oregon Laws 2011, is amended to read:

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

20 **“(2) Amounts in the Health System Fund are continuously appropriated**
21 **to the Oregon Health Authority for the purpose of:**

22 **“(a) Funding the Health Care for All Oregon Children program estab-**
23 **lished in ORS 414.231, health services described in ORS 414.025 (8)(a) to (j)**
24 **and other health services[.]; and**

25 **“(b) Providing grants or funding under ORS 413.225 to school-based**
26 **health centers through local public health authorities.**

27 **“(3) Moneys in the fund may also be used by the authority to:**

28 **“(a) Provide grants or funding under ORS 413.225 to community health**
29 **centers and safety net clinics [under ORS 413.225] in addition to grants**
30 **or funding for school-based health centers under subsection (2) of this**

1 **section.**

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

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

6 “(d) Provide health services described in ORS 414.025 (8) to individuals
7 described in ORS 414.025 (3)(f)(B).

8 “[3] (4) The authority shall develop a system for reimbursement by the
9 authority to the Office of Private Health Partnerships out of the Health
10 System Fund for costs associated with administering the private health op-
11 tion pursuant to ORS 414.826.”.

12 In line 13, delete “3” and insert “4”.

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