

House Bill 2906

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

SUMMARY

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Modifies definition of "scientifically based research" with respect to evidence-based programs.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to scientifically based research; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 182.515.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 182.515 is amended to read:

182.515. As used in this section and ORS 182.525:

(1) "Agency" means:

(a) The Department of Corrections;

(b) The Oregon Youth Authority;

(c) The Youth Development Division; and

(d) That part of the Oregon Health Authority that deals with mental health and addiction issues.

(2) "Cost-effective" means that benefits realized over a reasonable period of time are greater than costs, as determined utilizing a cost-benefit analytical tool identified by the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission.

(3) "Evidence-based program" means a program that:

(a) Incorporates significant and relevant practices based on scientifically based research; and

(b) Is cost-effective.

(4)(a) "Program" means a treatment or intervention program or service that is intended to:

(A) Reduce the propensity of a person to commit crimes;

(B) Improve the mental health of a person with the result of reducing the likelihood that the person will commit a crime or need emergency mental health services; or

(C) Reduce the propensity of a person who is less than 18 years of age to engage in antisocial behavior with the result of reducing the likelihood that the person will become a juvenile offender.

(b) "Program" does not include:

(A) An educational program or service that an agency is required to provide to meet educational requirements imposed by state law; or

(B) A program that provides basic medical services.

(5) "Scientifically based research" means *[research that obtains reliable and valid knowledge by:]* **scientific evaluation that is rigorous, independent and credible and includes, at a minimum, scientific evaluation that:**

[(a) Employing systematic, empirical methods that draw on observation or experiment;]

[(b) Involving rigorous data analyses that are adequate to test the stated hypotheses and justify the general conclusions drawn;]

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 *[(c) Relying on measurements or observational methods that provide reliable and valid data across*
2 *evaluators and observers, across multiple measurements and observations and across studies by the*
3 *same or different investigators; and]*

4 *[(d) Utilizing randomized controlled trials when possible and appropriate.]*

5 **(a) Is conducted independently of any organization that has implemented, funded or**
6 **supported a program;**

7 **(b) Includes any individual who was originally enrolled in a program regardless of**
8 **whether the originally enrolled individual completed the program; and**

9 **(c) Is conducted pursuant to an experimental design using rigorous, scientific methods**
10 **to randomize the pool of participants and comparisons made among participants.**

11 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 182.515 by section 1 of this 2015 Act apply to**
12 **evidence-based programs implemented on or after the effective date of this 2015 Act.**

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