

Senate Bill 174

Sponsored by Senator BOQUIST (at the request of Jeff C. Johnson) (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**.

Requires Oregon Health Authority or Department of Human Services to screen applicants for medical assistance or public assistance for substance use disorders. Provides that applicants must be referred for in-depth assessment if screening reveals likely presence of disorder. Provides that applicant must participate in treatment and submit to random drug tests if applicant is diagnosed with substance use disorder. Provides that those who fail or refuse drug test shall have assistance suspended for specified length of time.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to substance use disorders.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 411.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Health Authority or the Department of Human Services shall**
6 **screen for possible substance use disorders all individuals applying for medical assistance or**
7 **public assistance for themselves or for their households. In the temporary assistance for**
8 **needy families program, the screening shall be part of the assessment conducted under ORS**
9 **412.009. If the screening reveals the likely presence of a substance use disorder, the applicant**
10 **shall be referred for an in-depth assessment by a person with expertise in diagnosing sub-**
11 **stance use disorders.**

12 **(2) Any applicant who is diagnosed with a substance use disorder must, as a condition**
13 **of receiving public assistance or medical assistance, participate in prescribed treatment for**
14 **the disorder and submit to random drug testing.**

15 **(3) A person who is required to submit to random drug testing and fails or refuses to do**
16 **so shall be disqualified from receiving assistance for 30 days for the first failure or refusal,**
17 **60 days for the second failure or refusal and 90 days for the third and all subsequent refusals.**
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