

Senate Bill 787

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SUMMARY

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Establishes Task Force on Mental Health Care and Treatment to develop detailed changes to statewide system of mental health care and treatment. Specifies membership and duties of task force. Sunsets December 31, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to mental health; and declaring an emergency.

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3 Whereas the addictions and mental health treatment plan for this state addresses only the needs
4 of individuals with serious and persistent mental illness, while leaving unmet the needs of 80 percent
5 of Oregonians who have mental health problems; now, therefore,

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

7 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Mental Health Care and Treatment is established. The**
8 **members of the task force are appointed as follows:**

9 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the**
10 **Senate.**

11 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**
12 **members of the House of Representatives.**

13 (c) **The Governor shall appoint one or more of each of the following:**

14 (A) **A representative of an insurer that offers health benefit plans;**

15 (B) **A psychiatrist;**

16 (C) **A psychologist;**

17 (D) **A representative of a hospital that has a vested interest in behavioral health;**

18 (E) **A representative of a county;**

19 (F) **An advocate for persons with mental illness;**

20 (G) **Representatives from at least 25 percent of the coordinated care organizations con-**
21 **tracting with the Oregon Health Authority;**

22 (H) **A representative of law enforcement;**

23 (I) **A representative of the Department of Education; and**

24 (J) **A representative of the Department of Human Services' division that is responsible**
25 **for addictions and mental health treatment.**

26 (2) **The task force shall:**

27 (a) **Develop a comprehensive statewide plan for mental health care and treatment, fo-**
28 **cusing on prevention, in-home care and family caregiving for all residents of this state with**
29 **mental health problems, whether chronic or transitory; and**

30 (b) **Detail changes needed to the mental health treatment system in this state, addressing**

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 workforce, prevention and access issues.

2 (3) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the
3 transaction of business.

4 (4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting
5 members of the task force.

6 (5) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

7 (6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
8 ment to become immediately effective.

9 (7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
10 or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.

11 (8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

12 (9) No later than September 15, 2016, the task force shall submit, to the interim com-
13 mittees of the Legislative Assembly related to health, a report of its comprehensive plan for
14 mental health care and treatment, detailing changes to the mental health care and treat-
15 ment system in this state and addressing workforce, prevention and access issues. The re-
16 port may include recommendations for legislation needed to implement the needed changes.

17 (10) The Oregon Health Authority shall provide staff support to the task force.

18 (11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly or state
19 employees are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary
20 travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the
21 manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing
22 functions of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to Oregon Health Au-
23 thority for purposes of the task force.

24 (12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
25 the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating
26 to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force
27 consider necessary to perform their duties.

28 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on December 31, 2016.

29 **SECTION 3.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
30 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect
31 on its passage.

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