

# Senate Bill 834

Sponsored by Senator BATES

## SUMMARY

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Establishes Task Force on Effective Mental Health Treatment for purpose of studying effectiveness of mental health treatment available in Oregon.  
Sunsets task force on December 31, 2016.  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to mental health; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Effective Mental Health Treatment is established,**  
5 **consisting of nine members appointed as follows:**

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

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

10 (c) **The Governor shall appoint:**

11 (A) **One member who represents the Oregon Health Authority;**

12 (B) **Two members who represent mental health treatment providers; and**

13 (C) **Two members who represent advocacy groups for persons with mental illness.**

14 (2) **Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting**  
15 **members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.**

16 (3) **The task force shall study the effectiveness of mental health treatment available in**  
17 **this state and steps that may be taken to improve access to effective mental health treat-**  
18 **ment.**

19 (4) **A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the**  
20 **transaction of business.**

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

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

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

26 (8) **The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**  
27 **or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.**

28 (9) **The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.**

29 (10) **The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and**  
30 **may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative**

**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 **Assembly related to health as appropriate no later than September 15, 2016.**

2 **(11) The Oregon Health Authority shall provide staff support to the task force.**

3 **(12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not**  
4 **entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other**  
5 **expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and**  
6 **amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions**  
7 **of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority for**  
8 **purposes of the task force.**

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

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

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

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