

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 226**

1 Delete lines 5 through 8 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Human Services shall operate**
3 **three regional crisis outreach and assessment teams to serve individ-**
4 **uals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who have severe**
5 **behavioral support needs and reside in group homes where state em-**
6 **ployees provide 24-hour residential care.**

7 **“(2) The duties of each regional crisis outreach and assessment**
8 **team include, but are not limited to:**

9 **“(a) Responding to requests from homes for assistance in stabilizing**
10 **a resident who is exhibiting behavior that threatens the health or**
11 **safety of the resident, other residents or staff;**

12 **“(b) Providing additional staffing support, training and education**
13 **to the homes;**

14 **“(c) Debriefing the staff of the homes following an incident that**
15 **required intervention by the team;**

16 **“(d) Deploying staff to homes that are experiencing staff shortages;**

17 **“(e) Conducting outreach, assessment and consultation to agencies**
18 **that refer residents to the homes; and**

19 **“(f) Advocating for residents and educating law enforcement and**
20 **corrections personnel, the Psychiatric Security Review Board and dis-**
21 **trict attorneys about the needs of residents.**

22 **“(3) Each regional crisis outreach and assessment team shall have**

1 a dedicated state vehicle to allow the team to respond to crises im-
2 mediately.

3 **“SECTION 2. (1) The Task Force on Client and Staff Safety is es-
4 tablished, consisting of 15 members appointed as follows:**

5 **“(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from
6 among members of the Senate.**

7 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one
8 member from among members of the House of Representatives.**

9 **“(c) The Governor shall appoint:**

10 **“(A) Two individuals representing labor organizations that repre-
11 sent employees of Stabilization and Crisis Units;**

12 **“(B) Three individuals who are employed by Stabilization and Crisis
13 Units, each representing a different geographic region;**

14 **“(C) One individual representing the Oregon Health Authority who
15 has expertise in providing mental health services to individuals who
16 have dual diagnoses of mental illness and intellectual or develop-
17 mental disabilities;**

18 **“(D) One individual representing the residents of a Stabilization and
19 Crisis Unit or family members of the residents;**

20 **“(E) One individual from the system described in ORS 192.517;**

21 **“(F) One individual from the Oregon Council on Developmental
22 Disabilities;**

23 **“(G) One individual representing private group home provider
24 agencies that serve residents who have made a transition to group
25 homes from Stabilization and Crisis Units;**

26 **“(H) One individual representing community developmental disa-
27 bilities programs that have worked with Stabilization and Crisis Units
28 to transition residents to community-based care;**

29 **“(I) The director of the developmental disabilities program within
30 the Department of Human Services; and**

1 **“(J) The director of the Stabilization and Crisis Units.**

2 **“(2) The task force shall recommend measures to improve the**
3 **safety and success of Stabilization and Crisis Units in this state.**

4 **“(3) The task force shall consider and make recommendations for:**

5 **“(a) Ensuring the dignity and self-determination of each resident**
6 **in a Stabilization and Crisis Unit;**

7 **“(b) Improving the safety of staff employed by a Stabilization and**
8 **Crisis Unit;**

9 **“(c) Improving the training and support for staff;**

10 **“(d) Staffing levels;**

11 **“(e) Reducing incidents of aggressive and assaultive behavior by**
12 **residents;**

13 **“(f) Reducing the need for staff to work overtime; and**

14 **“(g) Improving access to appropriate mental health supports and**
15 **intervention methods.**

16 **“(4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a**
17 **quorum for the transaction of business.**

18 **“(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a**
19 **majority of the members of the task force.**

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

22 **“(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority**
23 **shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.**

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

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

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

1 an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to human
2 services as appropriate no later than September 15, 2015.

3 “(11) The Department of Human Services shall provide staff support
4 to the task force.

5 “(12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Leg-
6 islative Assembly are not entitled to compensation, but may be reim-
7 bursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by
8 them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
9 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in
10 performing functions of the task force shall be paid out of funds ap-
11 propriated to Department of Human Services for purposes of the task
12 force.

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

18 “SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is repealed on December 31,
19 2016.”.

20 In line 9, delete “2” and insert “4”.

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