

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: SB 111 - A

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Measure Description:

Establishes grant program to assist school districts in complying with school nursing service requirements.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Education (ODE), Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the Senate Committee on Education to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Senate Bill 111 appropriates an unspecified amount of General Fund for the 2017-19 biennium to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to develop and administer a pilot program to assist school districts and education service districts in increasing the use of Medicaid billing. The bill permits ODE to select up to nine districts to participate in the pilot. The bill directs ODE to report to the Legislature by October 1, 2020 on the outcomes of this pilot program. The pilot program is repealed on December 31, 2020.

As part of developing and implementing the pilot program, ODE is required to:

- Create and implement a district plan to maximize Medicaid billing for school nursing services.
- Develop a statewide system to support the use of Medicaid billing by school districts and education service districts.
- Provide ongoing training and other necessary resources to school nurses to improve the effectiveness of the delivery of school nursing services.
- Assist school nurses in improving school nursing services, including practices related to Medicaid billing and efficiencies.
- Provide ongoing technical assistance to school districts and education service districts.

The fiscal impact of this bill on the Medicaid program administered by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is indeterminate. The impact of additional billing of school-based services cannot be calculated until ODE selects the school districts and educational service districts for the pilot program and the resulting volume of claims. In addition to the impact on the Medicaid program, OHA anticipates that the agency will need to provide technical assistance on Medicaid billing practices to OED and the school districts and education service districts chosen for the pilot program. The bill allows ODE to collaborate and contract with other state agencies to provide technical assistance. This fiscal assumes that any substantial assistance needed from OHA will be accomplished through an intergovernmental transfer with ODE.

The bill is anticipated to have a fiscal impact on the Oregon Department of Education and the Oregon Health Authority. The amount of this impact is still being determined. A more complete fiscal analysis on the bill will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required