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Measure: HB 3352

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Funding for School Behavioral Health Support.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education, Oregon Health Authority (OHA), School Districts

Analysis

House Bill 3352 requires coordinated care organizations to cooperate with local school districts and education service districts to provide behavioral health support for elementary school students, focusing on students in schools that are considered high poverty. The bill authorizes district school boards to enter into agreements with coordinated care organizations to provide behavioral health support. The bill also modifies membership requirements of coordinated care organizations governing bodies, adding that these governing bodies must include a member who is a superintendent of a school district or an education service district.

In addition, the bill creates the 7-member Task Force on Funding for School Behavioral Health Support charged with examining federal and other funding opportunities available to school districts to pay for behavioral health support in elementary schools. The task force is required to report to the legislature by September 15, 2018. All members of the task force serve as volunteers and are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2018.

Oregon Department of Education (OED)

The bill requires the Department of Education to provide staff support for the task force. ODE anticipates reprioritizing duties and responsibilities of existing staff to support the task force. However, if ODE is expected to perform additional research and/or data collection, these costs cannot be quantified until the task force convenes and defines the scope of this work.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Passage of this bill is anticipated to have minimal impact on OHA. The bill directs the subcommittee of Health Plan Quality Metrics Committee to select health outcome and quality measures applicable to services provided by coordinated care organization to school districts and education service districts. OHA will use existing staff and resource to work on these health outcome and quality measures, as well as to make changes to rules and contracts for coordinated care organizations to ensure cooperation with local school districts and education service districts to provide behavioral health support for elementary school students.

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