

HB 3352 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 03/29/17

Action: Without recommendation as to passage, be referred to Health Care, and then to Ways and Means by prior reference.

Vote: 7-0-2-0

Yeas: 7 - Doherty, Evans, McLain, Parrish, Sollman, Vial, Wilson

Exc: 2 - Hernandez, Sprenger

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Task Force on Funding for School Behavioral Health Support (Task Force). Establishes Task Force include membership from Oregon Department of Education, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and other stakeholders. Requires Task Force examine funding opportunities available to school districts to pay for behavioral health support in elementary school and examine funding opportunities that includes federal dollars. Requires report be submitted to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to education no later than September 15, 2018. Requires that Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) include one member who is a superintendent of school district or education service district. Requires CCOs cooperate with local school districts and education service districts to provide behavioral health support for elementary school students in high-poverty schools under Title I of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. Requires the OHA Health Plan Quality Metrics scoring subcommittee select health outcomes and quality measures provided by CCOs to school districts and education services districts. Requires that the cooperation between CCOs and districts, along with selection of quality measures, becomes operative by January 1, 2018. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Reason for referral to House Health Care

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

School behavioral health support services can target children as early as elementary school, with the intention of providing support to students in their mental and behavioral health. Behavioral health support positions in school districts are typically classified as coordinator care specialists and coordinator care providers. Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) are networks of health care providers who agree to work in their local communities to serve people who receive health care coverage under the Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid).

House Bill 3352 establishes a Task Force on Funding School Behavioral Health Support services. It also changes the membership of CCOs to include a Superintendent representative, and requires the CCOs work with districts to provide behavioral health support for elementary school students in high-poverty schools under Title I as defined by federal law. HB 3352 requires the subcommittees select health outcomes and quality measures to reduce the number of individualized education plans related to behavioral issues and absenteeism.