

Enrolled
Senate Bill 944

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to behavioral health; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall contract with an Oregon-based nonprofit organization with the expertise to operate a 24-hour call center dedicated to tracking and providing information about available placement settings for children and adolescents needing high acuity behavioral health services.

(2) The call center shall also be responsible for:

(a) Implementing processes for service providers to submit data that can be used to assess and monitor, on a daily basis, statewide capacity to provide high acuity behavioral health services to children and adolescents;

(b) Recording the time from the first contact with the call center to the location of an appropriate placement; and

(c) Documenting the need for high acuity behavioral health services for children and adolescents.

SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$400,000, which may be expended for carrying out section 1 of this 2017 Act.

SECTION 3. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect on its passage.

Passed by Senate July 3, 2017

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Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

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