

B-Engrossed
Senate Bill 944

Ordered by the Senate June 30
Including Senate Amendments dated April 24 and June 30

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

[Establishes Youth Acute Behavioral Health Leadership Council within Governor's office to develop proposal for better serving behavioral health treatment needs of children and adolescents. Specifies membership and duties. Requires Governor to appoint Behavioral Health Policy Advisor to coordinate behavioral health services between state agencies.]

Requires Oregon Health Authority to contract with Oregon-based nonprofit organization with appropriate expertise to operate 24-hour call center for tracking and providing information on placements available for children and adolescents needing high acuity behavioral health services.

[Sunsets council January 2, 2021.]

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to behavioral health; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

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

14 **(c) Documenting the need for high acuity behavioral health services for children and ad-**
15 **olescents.**

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

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

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.