

Requested by Senator GELSER

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 944**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “health” insert “; and declaring an
2 emergency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 12 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Youth Acute Behavioral Health Leadership
5 Council is established in the office of the Governor, consisting of the
6 following members appointed by the Governor:**

7 **“(a) A member representing each of two health care facilities that
8 provide acute psychiatric care to children and adolescents;**

9 **“(b) One member representing a provider of secure inpatient be-
10 havioral health services to children and adolescents;**

11 **“(c) One member representing a provider of residential subacute
12 behavioral health services to children and adolescents;**

13 **“(d) One member representing providers of home-based acute be-
14 havioral health services to children and adolescents;**

15 **“(e) One member representing a coordinated care organization that
16 serves children and adolescents residing in an urban area of this state;**

17 **“(f) One member representing a coordinated care organization that
18 serves children and adolescents residing in a rural area of this state;**

19 **“(g) One director of a county juvenile department;**

20 **“(h) One member from a nonprofit organization that represents
21 youths and families in dependency cases;**

1 “(i) One member representing a tribe;

2 “(j) One member from an organization that advocates for children
3 and their families;

4 “(k) One member who is a parent or guardian of a child or an ado-
5 lescent who has been involved in the children’s system of care;

6 “(L) One member who has experienced the children’s system of
7 care;

8 “(m) One member representing a community mental health pro-
9 gram who has experience with intensive community behavioral health
10 treatment services in an urban area of this state; and

11 “(n) One member representing a community mental health program
12 who has experience with intensive community behavioral health
13 treatment services in a rural area of this state.

14 “(2) The council shall:

15 “(a) Clearly define the characteristics of the target population of
16 children and adolescents to be served by the entity described in para-
17 graph (c) of this subsection;

18 “(b) Make recommendations for the alignment of sources of funding
19 and policies between all agencies serving children and adolescents to
20 ensure the implementation of sustainable behavioral health services
21 is dictated by the needs of the children, the adolescents and their
22 families; and

23 “(c) Develop a proposal for legislative changes needed to create a
24 single entity to coordinate behavioral health services for the target
25 population defined by the council in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

26 “(3) The legislative proposal developed by the council under sub-
27 section (2) of this section must:

28 “(a) Be fundamentally cost neutral by reallocating existing re-
29 sources; and

30 “(b) Ensure that the entity will be responsive to state agency re-

1 **quirements but driven by and accountable to the needs of the target**
2 **population.**

3 **“(4)(a) The council shall report to the interim committees of the**
4 **Legislative Assembly related to human services and health no later**
5 **than January 31, 2018.**

6 **“(b) The council shall report its final recommendations to the in-**
7 **terim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to human ser-**
8 **vices and health no later than October 1, 2018.**

9 **“(5) A majority of the members of the council constitutes a quorum**
10 **for the transaction of business.**

11 **“(6) Official action by the council requires the approval of a ma-**
12 **jority of the members of the council.**

13 **“(7) The council shall elect one of its members to serve as chair-**
14 **person.**

15 **“(8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make**
16 **an appointment to become immediately effective.**

17 **“(9) The council shall meet at times and places specified by the call**
18 **of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the council.**

19 **“(10) The council may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the**
20 **council.**

21 **“(11) The Governor’s Behavioral Health Policy Advisor appointed**
22 **under section 2 of this 2017 Act shall provide staff support to the**
23 **council.**

24 **“(12) Members of the council are not entitled to compensation or**
25 **reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the council.**

26 **“(13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111,**
27 **are directed to assist the council in the performance of duties of the**
28 **council and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to**
29 **confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the**
30 **council consider necessary to perform their duties.**

1 **“SECTION 2. The Governor shall appoint a Behavioral Health Pol-**
2 **icy Advisor within the office of the Governor who shall be responsible**
3 **for the coordination of behavioral health services between all state**
4 **agencies.**

5 **“SECTION 3. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall contract with**
6 **an Oregon-based nonprofit organization with the expertise to operate**
7 **a 24-hour call center dedicated to tracking and providing information**
8 **about available placement settings for children and adolescents need-**
9 **ing high acuity behavioral health services.**

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

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

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

17 **“(c) Documenting the need for high acuity behavioral health ser-**
18 **vices for children and adolescents.**

19 **“SECTION 4. Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on January 2,**
20 **2021.**

21 **“SECTION 5. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate**
22 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**
23 **declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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