

Requested by Senator GELSER

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
A-ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 231**

1 On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, delete lines 4 through 24 and  
2 insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Student Mental Health Support**  
4 **is established.**

5 **“(2) The task force consists of 11 members appointed by the Gover-**  
6 **nor as follows:**

7 **“(a) One student at a public university listed in ORS 352.002;**

8 **“(b) One faculty member at a public university listed in ORS 352.002;**

9 **“(c) One student at a community college in this state;**

10 **“(d) One faculty member at a community college in this state;**

11 **“(e) Two directors of student counseling centers, one each from a**  
12 **public university listed in ORS 352.002 and from a community college**  
13 **in this state;**

14 **“(f) One substance abuse disorder practitioner;**

15 **“(g) Two mental health practitioners, one each from a public uni-**  
16 **versity listed in ORS 352.002 and from a community college in this**  
17 **state;**

18 **“(h) One member of the public who has a child who is a student at**  
19 **a public university listed in ORS 352.002 or at a community college in**  
20 **this state; and**

21 **“(i) One representative from the Oregon Health Authority.**

1       **“(3) The task force shall investigate the extent to which mental**  
2 **health issues and substance abuse disorders have an impact on the**  
3 **educational mission set forth in ORS 350.014, with a specific emphasis**  
4 **on the impact that mental health issues and substance abuse disorders**  
5 **have on college recruitment, retention in college and program com-**  
6 **pletion or graduation. The task force shall give particular attention**  
7 **to how mental health issues and substance abuse disorders differ**  
8 **across different communities in this state.**

9       **“(4) The task force may:**

10       **“(a) Consult experts, conduct literature reviews and perform other**  
11 **research;**

12       **“(b) Receive testimony in any form;**

13       **“(c) Request records and other documentation, while taking care**  
14 **to respect and abide by all rights and pledges of confidentiality that**  
15 **apply to the records and documentation; and**

16       **“(d) Receive and recommend changes to law, mental health prac-**  
17 **tices, substance abuse policies, school policies, funding and other**  
18 **measures that are necessary to ensure that the state can meet the**  
19 **mission set forth in ORS 350.014 without a significant impact from**  
20 **student mental health issues and substance abuse disorders.**

21       **“(5) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a**  
22 **quorum for the transaction of business.**

23       **“(6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a**  
24 **majority of the members of the task force.**

25       **“(7) The task force shall elect one member to serve as chairperson.**

26       **“(8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority**  
27 **shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.**

28       **“(9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the**  
29 **call of the chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the**  
30 **task force.**

1       **“(10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation**  
2 **of the task force.**

3       **“(11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided**  
4 **by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to**  
5 **an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to higher**  
6 **education no later than November 1, 2018.**

7       **“(12) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission and the**  
8 **Oregon Health Authority shall provide staff support to the task force.**  
9 **The commission shall schedule and organize task force meetings and**  
10 **provide additional administrative support that is necessary to facili-**  
11 **tate the operation of the task force. The commission and the authority**  
12 **shall collaborate to provide research, writing and other technical as-**  
13 **sistance that is necessary to produce the report described in subsection**  
14 **(11) of this section.**

15       **“(13) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation**  
16 **or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task**  
17 **force.**

18       **“(14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111,**  
19 **are directed to assist the task force in the performance of the task**  
20 **force’s duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to**  
21 **confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the**  
22 **task force consider necessary to perform their duties.”.**

23       On page 2, delete lines 1 through 36.

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