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Requested by Senator MONNES ANDERSON

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO A-ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 111

1 On page 2 of the printed A-engrossed bill, delete lines 26 through 45 and 2 delete page 3 and insert:

³ "SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

4 "(a) 'School nurse' means:

5 "(A) A school nurse as defined in ORS 342.455;

6 "(B) A registered nurse licensed under ORS 678.010 to 678.410; or

"(C) A licensed practical nurse licensed under ORS 678.010 to 678.410
and acting under the direction of a registered nurse.

"(b) 'School nursing services' means nursing services provided by
a school nurse practicing in a school setting pursuant to ORS 336.201.
"(2)(a) The Department of Education shall assist school districts
and education service districts in funding school nursing services by
enabling school districts and education service districts to receive
technical assistance as described in this section.

"(b) For the purpose of delivering technical assistance as described
 in this section, the department may facilitate collaboration between
 school districts or education service districts and entities that have
 experience with providing the technical assistance described in this
 section, including experience in Medicaid billing.

20 "(3) A school district or an education service district may partic-21 ipate in the assistance under this section by submitting an application as prescribed by the department. The number of applications accepted
under this subsection may be limited based on the funding and resources available.

4 "(4) Technical assistance provided to participants under this section
5 shall include the following:

6 "(a) Assistance in the creation and implementation of a district 7 plan to maximize Medicaid billing for school nursing services as part 8 of the overall structure for providing school health services;

9 "(b) Assistance to school nurses with practices related to Medicaid
10 billing and efficiencies; and

"(c) Ongoing technical assistance to participating school districts
 and education service districts in maximizing Medicaid billing.

13 "(5) The department shall collaborate with any state agency neces-14 sary for the purpose of enabling the provision of technical assistance 15 under subsection (4) of this section, including seeking any rule or 16 statutory change necessary to secure federal financial participation in 17 the cost of providing school nursing services.

"(6) Nothing in this section prevents the department from providing
 technical assistance to school districts and education service districts
 that are not participating in the assistance under this section.

21 "SECTION 2. (1) Notwithstanding the authority of the Department 22 of Education described in section 1 (3) of this 2017 Act to limit the 23 number of applications accepted for participation in the assistance 24 described in section 1 of this 2017 Act, at least nine initial participants 25 shall be selected for assistance. To the extent practicable, the initial 26 participants shall include:

27 "(a) At least one education service district; and

"(b) School districts that represent a diverse range of sizes and ge ographic locations.

30 "(2) Nothing in this section prevents an increase in the number of

applications accepted for the purpose of participating in the assistance
described in section 1 of this 2017 Act, as funding and resources allow.
"(3) No later than October 1, 2020, the department shall submit to
the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to education a report on:

6 "(a) The outcomes of the technical assistance described in section
7 1 of this 2017 Act; and

"(b) An analysis of the cost benefits to school districts and education service districts participating in the assistance described in section 1 of this 2017 Act.

"SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2017 Act is repealed on December 31,
 2020.

"SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of Education, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____, which shall be expended for the purposes of section 1 of this 2017 Act.

"SECTION 5. 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 July 1, 2017.".

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