

Requested by JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

**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 delete page 2 and 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       “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on December 31,  
24 2018.

25       “SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-  
26 ation, there is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating  
27 Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, out of the Gen-  
28 eral Fund, the amount of \$134,000, which may be expended for carrying  
29 out the provisions of section 1 of this 2017 Act.

30       “SECTION 4. This 2017 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the

1 **date on which the 2017 regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative**  
2 **Assembly adjourns sine die.”**

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