SUMMARY

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Requires Oregon Health Authority to administer program to provide matching grants to registered sobering facilities. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to authority for grants. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to sobering facilities; creating new provisions; amending ORS 430.306; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. The Oregon Health Authority shall administer a program to provide matching grants to sobering facilities registered under ORS 430.262. The authority shall prescribe the formula for the allocation of moneys appropriated by the Legislative Assembly to carry out this section. The formula shall take into account the community need for sobering facilities and the availability of funding from other sources.

SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of $_______, which may be expended for grants provided under section 1 of this 2019 Act.

SECTION 3. ORS 430.306 is amended to read:

430.306. As used in ORS 430.262, 430.315, 430.335, 430.342, 430.397, 430.399, 430.401, 430.402, 430.420 and 430.630 and section 1 of this 2019 Act, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) “Alcoholic” means any person who has lost the ability to control the use of alcoholic beverages, or who uses alcoholic beverages to the extent that the health of the person or that of others is substantially impaired or endangered or the social or economic function of the person is substantially disrupted. An alcoholic may be physically dependent, a condition in which the body requires a continuing supply of alcohol to avoid characteristic withdrawal symptoms, or psychologically dependent, a condition characterized by an overwhelming mental desire for continued use of alcoholic beverages.

(2) “Detoxification center” means a publicly or privately operated profit or nonprofit facility approved by the Oregon Health Authority that provides emergency care or treatment for alcoholics or drug-dependent persons.

(3) “Director of the treatment facility” means the person in charge of treatment and rehabilitation programs at a treatment facility.

(4) “Drug-dependent person” means one who has lost the ability to control the personal use of controlled substances or other substances with abuse potential, or who uses such substances or

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controlled substances to the extent that the health of the person or that of others is substantially impaired or endangered or the social or economic function of the person is substantially disrupted. A drug-dependent person may be physically dependent, a condition in which the body requires a continuing supply of a drug or controlled substance to avoid characteristic withdrawal symptoms, or psychologically dependent, a condition characterized by an overwhelming mental desire for continued use of a drug or controlled substance.

(5) “Halfway house” means a publicly or privately operated profit or nonprofit, residential facility approved by the authority that provides rehabilitative care and treatment for alcoholics or drug-dependent persons.

(6) “Local planning committee” means a local planning committee for alcohol and drug prevention and treatment services appointed or designated by the county governing body under ORS 430.342.

(7) “Police officer” means a member of a law enforcement unit who is employed on a part-time or full-time basis as a peace officer, commissioned by a city, a county or the Department of State Police and responsible for enforcing the criminal laws of this state and any person formally deputized by the law enforcement unit to take custody of a person who is intoxicated or under the influence of controlled substances.

(8) “Sobering facility” means a facility that meets all of the following criteria:

(a) The facility operates for the purpose of providing to individuals who are acutely intoxicated a safe, clean and supervised environment until the individuals are no longer acutely intoxicated.

(b) The facility contracts with or is affiliated with a treatment program or a provider approved by the authority to provide addiction treatment, and the contract or affiliation agreement includes, but is not limited to, case consultation, training and advice and a plan for making referrals to addiction treatment.

(c) The facility, in consultation with the addiction treatment program or provider, has adopted comprehensive written policies and procedures incorporating best practices for the safety of intoxicated individuals, employees of the facility and volunteers at the facility.

(d) The facility is registered with the Oregon Health Authority under ORS 430.262.

(9) “Treatment facility” includes outpatient facilities, inpatient facilities and other facilities the authority determines suitable and that provide services that meet minimum standards established under ORS 430.357, any of which may provide diagnosis and evaluation, medical care, detoxification, social services or rehabilitation for alcoholics or drug-dependent persons and which operate in the form of a general hospital, a state hospital, a foster home, a hostel, a clinic or other suitable form approved by the authority.

SECTION 4. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect July 1, 2019.