SENATE AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 130
By COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE
April 4

Delete lines 4 through 23 of the printed bill and insert:

“SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

“(a) ‘Distant site’ means the site where a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677, or other licensed health care practitioner, who provides health care services through telehealth is located at the time the physician or licensed health care practitioner provides the health care service through telehealth.

“(b) ‘Originating site’ means the site where the patient is located at the time the patient receives health care services provided through telehealth.

“(c) ‘School-based health center’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 413.225.

“(d) ‘School nurse’ means:

“(A) A school nurse as defined in ORS 342.455; or

“(B) A registered nurse who is an employee or contractor of a school district and who practices nursing in a school setting.

“(e) ‘Telehealth’ means the use of electronic and telecommunication technologies to deliver health care services to a patient.

“(2)(a) The Oregon Health Authority shall award grant moneys to an eligible school-based health center pilot project to expand student access to mental and physical health care services and to improve the health and education outcomes of students through the use of telehealth.

“(b) To be eligible for a grant under this subsection, a school-based health center shall enter into a pilot project agreement with a school district. The pilot project agreement must provide that:

“(A) The school-based health center is the distant site that provides telehealth in conjunction with a school nurse located at the originating site; and

“(B) The school-based health center will allocate to the school district a portion of funds received under this subsection to increase school nurse capacity and assist in offsetting costs incurred by the school district as a result of the school district’s participation in the pilot project.

“(c) Funds described in this subsection may be used to:

“(A) Compensate the following individuals for services provided pursuant to a pilot project:

“(i) A school nurse;

“(ii) A licensed health care practitioner located at a school-based health center; and

“(iii) Administrative or technical staff at a school-based health center;

“(B) Cover the costs of:
“(i) Technical equipment necessary to provide telehealth; and
“(ii) Technical assistance related to the use and function of equipment necessary to
provide telehealth; and
“(C) Cover other costs related to the pilot project’s provision of telehealth.
“(3) The authority:
“(a) Shall assist school-based health centers and school districts that enter into pilot
project agreements in the efficient use of funds distributed under subsection (2) of this sec-
tion.
“(b) May coordinate with one or more statewide nonprofit organizations that have expe-
rience in supporting school-based health centers and school nurses to carry out this section.
“(4) A school-based health center that operates a pilot project shall report, on an interval
determined by the authority, to the authority on the progress of the pilot project in a man-
ner that allows the authority to determine the effectiveness of the pilot project.
“(5) The authority shall establish a process to evaluate at least the following information
regarding a pilot project established under this section:
“(a) Billing practices and reimbursements;
“(b) Access to health care services;
“(c) Impact on student absence from schools; and
“(d) Workflow practices.
“(6) Not later than December 31, 2023, the authority shall submit a report, in the manner
provided in ORS 192.245, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to
health care, on the effectiveness and success of pilot projects established under this section.
The authority may include in the report submitted under this subsection recommendations
for legislation.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium
beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of $950,000 for the purpose of
carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2019 Act.

SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on January 2, 2024.

SECTION 4. (1) Section 1 of this 2019 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2020.
“(2) The Oregon Health Authority may take any action before the operative date specified
in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the authority to exercise, on and
after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions
and powers conferred on the authority by section 1 of this 2019 Act.

SECTION 5. This 2019 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2019
regular session of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.”.