SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 299

By COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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"SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 414.
"SECTION 2. An individual who is under 19 years of age who is otherwise eligible for medical assistance through the Health Care for All Oregon Children program established in ORS 414.231 may not be denied medical assistance on the basis that the individual is being

"SECTION 3. No later than July 1, 2022, the Oregon Health Authority shall request approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for an amendment to the demonstration project under section 1115 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315) to allow for federal financial participation in the costs of providing medical assistance to individuals who are under 19 years of age and are being held in a juvenile detention facility pending adjudication.

"SECTION 4. (1) The Oregon Health Authority, in consultation and collaboration with the directors of every county juvenile department in this state, representatives of agencies that work with juvenile justice and youth health care systems, directors of juvenile detention facilities, the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Youth Authority shall undertake a study of the need to provide medical assistance to youth being held in juvenile detention facilities prior to adjudication. The Oregon Health Authority must study, at a minimum, all of the following:

- "(a) The medical and behavioral health needs of youth in juvenile detention facilities;
- "(b) The number of youth eligible for medical assistance immediately prior to entering juvenile detention facilities and the impact of the suspension of their medical assistance after entering juvenile detention facilities;
- "(c) The number of youth entering juvenile detention facilities who are members of coordinated care organizations;
- "(d) The state and local social service agencies that are involved with youth at the time youth are placed in juvenile detention facilities;
- "(e) The types of placement recommendations made for youth as alternatives to detention before the youth enter juvenile detention facilities;
- "(f) The costs of prescription drugs and other health care provided to youth in juvenile detention facilities;
- "(g) The impact on the ability of youth to receive the recommended level of care as a result of placement in juvenile detention facilities including the inability of the youth to receive residential care or placement in pediatric subacute care facilities; and
 - "(h) Other barriers to youth accessing medical, behavioral and mental health services

upon placement in juvenile detention facilities because they become ineligible for medical assistance upon placement.

"(2) The authority shall submit a report, as provided in ORS 192.245, of the findings from the study and may provide recommendations for legislative changes to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary no later than September 15, 2021.

"(3) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the authority in conducting the study and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice necessary for the group to conduct the study.

"SECTION 5. Section 4 of this 2019 Act is repealed on December 31, 2021.".

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