

Senate Bill 485

Sponsored by Senators GELSER, WAGNER (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs Oregon Health Authority to collaborate with certain schools and facilities when developing plan for communication following suspected suicide. Directs schools attended by individual at time of individual's death to report to authority regarding activities implemented following suicide.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to suicide; amending ORS 418.735.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 418.735 is amended to read:

5 418.735. (1) As used in this section, "local mental health authority" has the meaning given that
6 term in ORS 430.630.

7 (2) The Oregon Health Authority shall develop a plan for communication among local mental
8 health authorities and local systems to improve notifications and information-sharing when a death
9 that is suspected to be a suicide involves an individual who is 24 years of age or younger. The plan
10 must address community suicide response and post-intervention efforts to address loss and the po-
11 tential of contagion risk. The **Oregon Health Authority shall collaborate with the** following en-
12 tities [*may be involved*] in developing and implementing the plan:

13 (a) Public school districts;

14 (b) Public universities listed in ORS 352.002, if the death involves an individual who is 24 years
15 of age or younger;

16 (c) Private post-secondary institutions of education, if the death involves an individual who is
17 24 years of age or younger; and

18 (d) Any facility that provides services or resources to runaway or homeless youth.

19 (3) Within seven days after a death that is suspected to be a suicide of an individual 24 years
20 of age or younger, the local mental health authority in the area where the suicide occurred **and**
21 **any public school district, public university listed in ORS 352.002 or private post-secondary**
22 **institution of education the individual was attending at the time of the individual's death**
23 shall inform the Oregon Health Authority, in a manner and in a format to be determined by the
24 authority, of activities implemented to support local entities and individuals affected by the suicide
25 and to prevent the risk of contagion. The authority shall serve as a resource to the local mental
26 health authority **and any public school district, public university listed in ORS 352.002 or pri-**
27 **private post-secondary institution of education the individual was attending at the time of the**
28 **individual's death** as needed by the community.
29

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.