

Senate Bill 707

Sponsored by Senator GELSER

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**.

Establishes Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Advisory Committee. Directs advisory committee to report to Director of Oregon Health Authority each biennium with assessment on implementation of Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Plan and recommendations for administrative and legislative improvements.

Directs Oregon Health Authority, in consultation with Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Coordinator and Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Advisory Committee, to report to Legislative Assembly regarding recommendations for legislative changes to address service gaps in youth suicide prevention, intervention and post-suicide activities.

Directs Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Coordinator to consult with Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Advisory Committee regarding updates to Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Plan.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to suicide prevention; creating new provisions; amending ORS 418.733; and prescribing an
3 effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) There is created a Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Advisory**
6 **Committee that shall consist of 17 members to advise the Oregon Health Authority on the**
7 **development and administration of strategies to address youth suicide intervention and pre-**
8 **vention. The Director of the Oregon Health Authority shall appoint members of the advisory**
9 **committee and members shall serve at the pleasure of the director. The authority shall**
10 **provide staffing for the advisory committee.**

11 **(2) The authority shall ensure that advisory committee membership reflects the cultural,**
12 **linguistic, geographic and economic diversity of this state, and that members include:**

13 **(a) Individuals who have survived suicide attempts;**

14 **(b) Individuals who have lost friends or family members to suicide;**

15 **(c) Individuals who have not attained 21 years of age; and**

16 **(d) Representatives of state agencies, including but not limited to the Department of**
17 **Human Services, the Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Education, who pro-**
18 **vide services to individuals who have not attained 21 years of age.**

19 **(3) Members of the advisory committee shall receive no compensation for their services.**
20 **Members of the advisory committee other than members employed in full-time public service**
21 **may be reimbursed for the member's actual and necessary expenses incurred in the per-**
22 **formance of the member's duties by the authority. Members of the advisory committee who**
23 **are employed in full-time public service may be reimbursed for the member's actual and**
24 **necessary expenses incurred in the performance of the member's duties by the member's**
25 **employing agency. Reimbursements under this subsection are subject to the provisions of**

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.

1 **ORS 292.210 to 292.288.**

2 (4) **The advisory committee shall meet no less than once every three months.**

3 (5) **The advisory committee shall consult with the Youth Suicide Intervention and Pre-**
4 **vention Coordinator on updates to the Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Plan under**
5 **ORS 418.731.**

6 (6) **The advisory committee, in consultation with the authority and the Youth Suicide**
7 **Intervention and Prevention Coordinator, shall report to the Director of the Oregon Health**
8 **Authority on or before July 1 of each even-numbered year with recommendations for ad-**
9 **ministrative and legislative changes the advisory committee deems necessary to address**
10 **service gaps in youth suicide prevention, intervention and post-suicide activities.**

11 (7) **The director, in consultation with the Youth Suicide Prevention and Intervention**
12 **Coordinator and the advisory committee, shall report to an appropriate committee or interim**
13 **committee of the Legislative Assembly on or before September 15 of each even-numbered**
14 **year with recommendations for legislative changes to address service gaps in youth suicide**
15 **prevention, intervention and post-suicide activities. The director shall make any additional**
16 **reports required by the Legislative Assembly.**

17 **SECTION 2.** ORS 418.733 is amended to read:

18 418.733. The Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Coordinator, **in consultation with the**
19 **Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Advisory Committee under section 1 of this 2019**
20 **Act**, shall update the Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Plan under ORS 418.731 a minimum
21 of once every five years. Updates must include, but are not limited to:

22 (1) An assessment of current access to mental health intervention, treatment and support for
23 depressed or suicidal youth, including affordability, timeliness, cultural appropriateness and avail-
24 ability of qualified providers;

25 (2) Recommendations to improve access to appropriate mental health intervention, treatment
26 and support for depressed or suicidal youth, including affordability, timeliness, cultural appropri-
27 ateness and availability of qualified providers;

28 (3) Recommendations for best practices to identify and intervene with youth who are depressed,
29 suicidal or at risk for infliction of self-injury;

30 (4) Recommendations for collaboration among schools, school-based health clinics and coordi-
31 nated care organizations for school-based screening for depression and risk of suicide or infliction
32 of self-injury among middle school and high school students;

33 (5) Recommendations related to the use of social media and the Internet to provide opportunities
34 for intervention and prevention of youth suicide and self-inflicted injury;

35 (6) Recommendations regarding services and strategies to respond to schools and communities
36 following a completed youth suicide;

37 (7) Identification of intervention and prevention strategies used by other states with the five
38 lowest rates of youth suicide and self-inflicted injuries; and

39 (8) A comparison of Oregon's youth suicide and self-inflicted injury rates with those of other
40 states.

41 **SECTION 3.** (1) **The report described in section 1 (6) of this 2019 Act is first due no later**
42 **than July 1, 2020.**

43 (2) **The report described in section 1 (7) of this 2019 Act is first due no later than Sep-**
44 **tember 15, 2020.**

45 **SECTION 4.** **This 2019 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2019**

1 **regular session of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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