Senate Bill 808

Sponsored by Senator FREDERICK (at the request of Alexandria Goddard)

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 and specified professional regulatory boards to require licensees regulated by authority or board to complete continuing education related to suicide risk assessment, treatment and management and to report completion of continuing education to authority or board.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to continuing education for professionals; creating new provisions; amending ORS 676.860; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 676.860 is amended to read:

676.860. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Board” means:

(A) Occupational Therapy Licensing Board;
(B) Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists;
(C) Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine;
(D) Oregon Medical Board;
(E) Oregon State Board of Nursing;
(F) Physical Therapist Licensing Board;
(G) State Board of Chiropractic Examiners;
(H) State Board of Licensed Social Workers;
(I) Oregon Board of Psychology; and
(J) Teacher Standards and Practices Commission.

(b) “Licensee” means a person authorized to practice one of the following professions:

(A) Clinical social worker, as defined in ORS 675.510;
(B) Licensed marriage and family therapist, as defined in ORS 675.705;
(C) Licensed professional counselor, as defined in ORS 675.705;
(D) Licensed psychologist, as defined in ORS 675.705;
(E) Occupational therapist, as defined in ORS 675.010;
(F) Regulated social worker, as defined in ORS 675.510;
(G) School counselor, as defined by rule by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission;
(H) Certified registered nurse anesthetist, as defined in ORS 678.245;
(I) Chiropractic physician, as defined in ORS 684.010;
(J) Clinical nurse specialist, as defined in ORS 678.010;
(K) Naturopathic physician, as defined in ORS 685.010;
(L) Nurse practitioner, as defined in ORS 678.010;

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.

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(M) Physician, as defined in ORS 677.010;
(N) Physician assistant, as defined in ORS 677.495;
(O) Physical therapist, as defined in ORS 688.010; [and]
(P) Physical therapist assistant, as defined in ORS 688.010;
(Q) Administrator, as defined in ORS 342.120;
(R) Teacher, as defined in ORS 342.120; and
(S) Certified alcohol and drug counselor, as defined by rule by the Oregon Health Authority.

[2] In collaboration with the Oregon Health Authority, a board shall adopt rules to require a licensee regulated by the board to report to the board, upon reauthorization to practice, the licensee's completion of any continuing education regarding suicide risk assessment, treatment and management.

(2)(a) The authority and a board listed in subsection (1)(a)(A), (B), (H) or (I) of this section shall require a licensee to:
   (A) Complete between three and six hours every six years of continuing education related to suicide risk assessment, treatment and management; and
   (B) Report to the authority or the board the licensee's completion of the continuing education described in this paragraph.
   (b) A board listed in subsection (1)(a)(C) to (G) or (J) of this section shall require a licensee to:
       (A) Complete between three and six hours of the continuing education described in paragraph (a) of this subsection; and
       (B) Report to the board the licensee's completion of the continuing education described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

[3] A licensee shall report the completion of any continuing education described in subsection (2) of this section to the board that regulates the licensee.

[4](a) The authority and a board shall document completion of any continuing education described in subsection (2) of this section, by a licensee regulated by the board. The board shall document the following data:
   (A) The number of licensees who complete continuing education described in subsection (2) of this section;
   (B) The percentage of the total of all licensees who complete the continuing education;
   (C) The counties in which licensees who complete the continuing education practice; and
   (D) The contact information for licensees willing to share information about suicide risk assessment, treatment and management with the authority.
   (b) The board shall remove any personally identifying information from the data submitted to the board under this subsection, except for the personally identifying information of licensees willing to share such information with the authority.
   (c) For purposes of documenting completion of continuing education under this subsection, a board may adopt rules requiring licensees to submit documentation of completion to the board.

[5] A board, on or before March 1 of each even-numbered year, shall report to the authority on the information [data] documented under subsection [(4)] (2)(c) of this section, as well as information about any initiatives by the board to promote suicide risk assessment, treatment and management among its licensees the implementation of the continuing education described in subsection (2) of this section.
The authority, on or before August 1 of each even-numbered year, shall report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health care on the information submitted to the authority under subsection [(5)] (3) of this section and information documented by the authority under subsection (2)(c) of this section. [The authority shall include in the report information about initiatives by boards to promote awareness about suicide risk assessment, treatment and management and information on how boards are promoting continuing education described in subsection (2) of this section to licensees.]

[(7)] (5) The authority may use the information submitted to the authority under subsection [(5)] (3) of this section and information documented by the authority under subsection (2)(c) of this section to develop continuing education opportunities related to suicide risk assessment, treatment and management for licensees and to facilitate improvements in suicide risk assessment, treatment and management efforts in this state.

(6) The authority and a board may adopt rules to carry out this section.

**SECTION 2.** The amendments to ORS 676.860 by section 1 of this 2019 Act apply to applicants for initial authorization and to licensees applying for renewal of authorization on or after the operative date specified in section 3 of this 2019 Act.

**SECTION 3.** (1) The amendments to ORS 676.860 by section 1 of this 2019 Act become operative on January 1, 2020.

(2) A board and the Oregon Health Authority may take any action that is necessary to enable the board and 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 board and the authority by the amendments to ORS 676.860 by section 1 of this 2019 Act.

**SECTION 4.** 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.