

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 4127**

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Including House Amendments dated February 13

Sponsored by Representatives HAYDEN, KENY-GUYER, Senator MONNES ANDERSON; Representatives ALONSO LEON, BONHAM, DRAZAN, GREENLICK, HELT, HERNANDEZ, MOORE-GREEN, NOBLE, NOSSE, PRUSAK, REARDON, SALINAS, SCHOUTEN, SOLLMAN, ZIKA, Senators BEYER, FREDERICK, HANSELL, HASS, KNOPP, LINTHICUM, ROBLAN, THOMSEN, WAGNER (at the request of Healthy Teeth Bright Futures, Oregon Community Foundation) (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.

Directs school districts to provide age-appropriate instruction in oral health as part of health education curriculum.

Directs Oregon Health Authority to establish and maintain Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program to support school-based oral health programs. Establishes Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program Fund. **Requires authority to seek funding for pilot program. Becomes operative on January 1, 2022, if fund balance is at least \$200,000 on January 1, 2022.**

Requires Oregon Health Authority to accept claims for reimbursement of costs related to care coordination surrounding school-based oral health services.

**Sunsets program and fund on June 30, 2025.**

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to oral health in schools; and declaring an emergency.

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

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5 **CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO ORAL HEALTH**

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7 **SECTION 1. As an integral part of the health education curriculum for students in**  
8 **kindergarten through grade 12, each school district must provide age-appropriate instruction**  
9 **in oral health.**

10 **SECTION 2. (1) Section 1 of this 2020 Act becomes operative on July 1, 2025.**

11 **(2)(a) Notwithstanding the operative date set forth in subsection (1) of this section, the**  
12 **State Board of Education, no later than September 1, 2024, shall adopt any health education**  
13 **content standards necessary to enable school district compliance with the requirements of**  
14 **section 1 of this 2020 Act.**

15 **(b) For the purpose of adopting health education content standards as provided by para-**  
16 **graph (a) of this subsection, the board shall consult with:**

17 **(A) Dental health professionals who have experience working in public health and with**  
18 **children; and**

19 **(B) The dental director appointed by the Oregon Health Authority, or the director's**  
20 **designee.**

21 **(3)(a) A school district must first offer instruction that meets the health education con-**

**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 tent standards adopted under subsection (2) of this section no later than the 2025-2026 school  
2 year.

3 (b) Nothing in paragraph (a) of this subsection prevents a school district from first of-  
4 fering instruction that meets the requirements of section 1 of this 2020 Act at any time be-  
5 fore the school year set forth in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

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7 **COMMUNITY DENTAL HEALTH COORDINATOR PILOT PROGRAM**

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9 **SECTION 3.** (1) As used in this section, “community dental health coordinator” means a  
10 dental care team member who:

11 (a) Focuses on the prevention of dental disease;

12 (b) Uses community health worker skills to increase awareness of the importance of oral  
13 health;

14 (c) May provide oral health services under ORS chapter 679 or 680, including sealants and  
15 dental screening services;

16 (d) May refer patients to other dental health care providers and other licensed health  
17 care providers as necessary; and

18 (e) Is certified by a community dental health coordinator training program based on a  
19 curriculum developed by the American Dental Association or its successor organization.

20 (2) The Oregon Health Authority shall establish and maintain a Community Dental  
21 Health Coordinator Pilot Program to support school-based oral health programs through the  
22 deployment of community dental health coordinators.

23 (3) The pilot program must emphasize the provision of school-based oral health care to  
24 students who are of ethnic or racial minorities and students who are English language  
25 learners, as defined in ORS 336.079, or to students enrolled at a school that is eligible for fi-  
26 nancial assistance under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20  
27 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.

28 (4) The pilot program shall place up to four community dental health coordinators  
29 throughout the state. The pilot program may place up to two community dental health co-  
30 ordinators in urban areas of this state and up to two community dental health coordinators  
31 in rural areas of this state. Pursuant to a mutual agreement, the community dental health  
32 coordinators may be based at nonprofit organizations, dental care organizations, local public  
33 health authorities as defined in ORS 431.003 and other state and local government agencies.

34 (5) The authority may adopt rules as necessary to carry out this section.

35 **SECTION 4.** (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall seek funding from gifts, grants or  
36 other contributions from public and private sources for the purposes of carrying out the  
37 Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program described in section 3 of this 2020 Act.  
38 Funds received under this subsection shall be deposited in the Community Dental Health  
39 Coordinator Pilot Program Fund established under section 5 of this 2020 Act. Funds may be  
40 used to sponsor individuals in a community dental health coordinator training program.

41 (2) The authority may adopt rules as necessary to carry out this section.

42 **SECTION 5.** The Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program Fund is estab-  
43 lished in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned  
44 by the Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program Fund shall be credited to the  
45 fund. The moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority

1 for the purposes described in section 3 of this 2020 Act.

2 **SECTION 6.** Sections 3, 4 and 5 of this 2020 Act are repealed on June 30, 2025.

3 **SECTION 7.** (1) Section 3 of this 2020 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2022, if the  
4 balance in the Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program Fund established in  
5 section 5 of this 2020 Act is at least \$200,000 on January 1, 2022.

6 (2) Upon the date specified in subsection (1) of this section, the Oregon Health Authority  
7 shall notify the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to education and the  
8 Legislative Counsel of whether upon the date specified in subsection (1) of this section the  
9 balance in the Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program Fund is at least the  
10 amount specified in subsection (1) of this section.

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12 **SCHOOL-BASED ORAL HEALTH CARE COORDINATION**  
13 **BY COORDINATED CARE ORGANIZATIONS**  
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15 **SECTION 8.** (1) As used in this section:

16 (a) “Coordinated care organization” has the meaning given that term in ORS 414.025.

17 (b) “Global budget” has the meaning given that term in ORS 414.025.

18 (2) The Oregon Health Authority may not reduce a global budget or deny reimbursement  
19 for the costs claimed by a coordinated care organization to provide care coordination or  
20 other social services relating to improving access for students to school-based oral health  
21 services.

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23 **CAPTIONS**  
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25 **SECTION 9.** The unit captions used in this 2020 Act are provided only for the convenience  
26 of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any leg-  
27 islative intent in the enactment of this 2020 Act.

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29 **EMERGENCY CLAUSE**  
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31 **SECTION 10.** This 2020 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
32 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2020 Act takes effect  
33 on its passage.  
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