House Bill 2381

Sponsored by Representative PRUSAK (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Modifies laws relating to youth suicide intervention and prevention to include children under 10 years of age.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to youth suicide; amending ORS 418.726 and 418.731.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 418.726 is amended to read:

418.726. (1) There is created a Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Advisory Committee to advise the Oregon Health Authority on the development and administration of strategies to address suicide intervention and prevention for children and youth [10 through] who are 24 years of age or younger. The Director of the Oregon Health Authority shall appoint members of the advisory committee and members shall serve at the pleasure of the director. The authority shall provide staffing for the advisory committee.

(2) The director shall ensure that advisory committee membership reflects the cultural, linguistic, geographic and economic diversity of this state. The members of the advisory committee must include, but need not be limited to:

(a) Individuals who have survived suicide attempts;
(b) Individuals who have lost friends or family members to suicide;
(c) Individuals who have not attained 21 years of age;
(d) Representatives of state agencies, including but not limited to the Department of Human Services, the Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Education, who provide services to individuals who have not attained 21 years of age;
(e) Representatives of Oregon Indian tribes;
(f) Representatives of colleges and universities;
(g) Medical and behavioral treatment providers;
(h) Representatives of hospitals and health systems;
(i) Representatives of coordinated care organizations and private insurers;
(j) Suicide prevention specialists; and
(k) Representatives of members of the military and their families.

(3) Members of the advisory committee other than members employed in full-time public service may be compensated for their services and may be reimbursed by the authority for the member’s actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of the member’s duties. Members of the advisory committee who are employed in full-time public service may be reimbursed by the member’s employing agency for the member’s actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance 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.

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the member’s duties. Reimbursements under this subsection are subject to the provisions of ORS
292.210 to 292.288.

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

(5) The advisory committee may recommend potential members for appointment to the advisory 
committee.

(6) The advisory committee shall consult with the Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention 
Coordinator on updates to the Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Plan under ORS 418.733. 

SECTION 2. ORS 418.731 is amended to read:

(1) As used in this section and ORS 418.733:

(a) “Youth” means a person [10 through] who is 24 years of age or younger.

(b) “Youth suicide” means a completed or attempted suicide by a person [10 through] who is 24 
years of age or younger.

(2) There is established a Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Coordinator within that 
part of the Oregon Health Authority that works with mental health and addiction issues. The coor-
dinator shall:

(a) Facilitate the development of a statewide strategic Youth Suicide Intervention and Pre-
vention Plan to address youth suicide and youth self-inflicted injury, and develop strategies for 
intervention with suicidal, depressed and at-risk youth;

(b) Improve outreach to special populations of youth that are at risk for suicide and self-inflicted 
injury;

(c) Identify barriers to accessing intervention services for suicidal, depressed and at-risk youth; 
and

(d) Provide technical assistance to state and local partners and coordinate interagency efforts 
to establish youth suicide and youth self-inflicted injury prevention and intervention strategies.

(3) The coordinator shall review data and prepare an annual report to interim and regular 
committees of the Legislative Assembly with subject matter jurisdiction over child welfare, mental 
health and addiction issues, and to the Oregon Health Authority, regarding:

(a) The number of emergency room admissions for completed and attempted youth suicides and 
incidents of youth self-inflicted injury;

(b) The manner and method of completed and attempted youth suicides and incidents of youth 
self-inflicted injury;

(c) The counties in which the completed and attempted suicides and self-injury incidents oc-
curred;

(d) The number of middle schools and high schools with completed youth suicides among the 
student body;

(e) The number of completed youth suicides where the youth had previously been admitted to 
a hospital or emergency room for treatment of attempted youth suicide or self-inflicted injury or had 
been the subject of a request for intervention services related to depression, suicidal ideation or 
self-injury within the prior 12 months;

(f) Demographic information regarding youth who completed or attempted youth suicide or who 
had self-injury incidents, including but not limited to:

(A) Age;

(B) Gender;

(C) Race;

(D) Primary spoken language;
(E) Sexual orientation;
(F) The existence of any physical, mental, intellectual or emotional disability; and
(G) Foster care status; and
(g) Recommendations for administrative and legislative changes to address service gaps in youth suicide prevention, intervention and post-suicide activities, developed in consultation with the Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Advisory Committee established in ORS 418.726.