

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2591

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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.

[Allows mobile school-based health centers to qualify for safety net grants from Oregon Health Authority.]

Requires Oregon Health Authority to provide planning grants to 10 school districts or education service districts to evaluate need and develop plans for school-based health services. Requires authority to provide funding to operate school-based health center or school nurse model at conclusion of two-year planning process.

Requires authority to develop requirements for up to three school districts or education service districts to receive grants for planning for and operation of mobile school-linked health centers.

Requires authority to award grants to three school-based health centers to operate pilot projects to expand student access to mental and physical health care services through use of telehealth. Specifies requirements.

Extends sunset on current program for school planning grants and technical assistance from January 2, 2026, to January 2, 2028.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to school-based health center grants; creating new provisions; amending section 5, chapter
3 601, Oregon Laws 2019; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

6 (a) "School-based health center" has the meaning given that term in ORS 413.225.

7 (b) "School nurse model" means a model for providing school-based health services that
8 is in accord with guidance from the division of the Oregon Health Authority that addresses
9 adolescent health.

10 (2) The authority, in consultation with the Department of Education, shall select 10
11 school districts or education service districts to receive planning grants for district planning
12 and technical assistance. Each district receiving a grant, beginning on or after July 1, 2021,
13 and concluding before July 1, 2023, shall:

14 (a) Evaluate the need for school-based health services in their respective communities;
15 and

16 (b) Develop a school-based health services plan that addresses the need identified in
17 paragraph (a) of this subsection.

18 (3) The authority shall contract with a nonprofit organization with experience in facili-
19 tating school health planning initiatives and supporting school-based health centers to facil-
20 itate and oversee the planning process and to provide technical assistance to grantees to

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 reduce costs and ensure better coordination and continuity statewide. To the greatest extent
2 practicable, the nonprofit organization shall engage with culturally specific organizations, in
3 the grantees' communities, that have experience providing culturally and linguistically spe-
4 cific services in schools or after-school programs.

5 (4) Each grantee shall solicit community participation in the planning process, including
6 the participation of the local public health authority, any federally qualified health centers
7 located in the district, a regional health equity coalition, if any, serving the district and every
8 coordinated care organization with members residing in the district.

9 (5) At the conclusion of the two-year planning process each grantee shall receive funding
10 to operate a school-based health center or school nurse model in each respective grantee
11 school district or education service district.

12 **SECTION 2.** (1) As used in this section, "mobile school-linked health center" means a
13 mobile medical van that:

14 (a) Provides primary care services, and may provide other services, to children on or
15 near school grounds by licensed or certified health care providers; and

16 (b) Is sponsored by a school district or an educational service district.

17 (2) The Oregon Health Authority shall develop grant requirements and ongoing oper-
18 ations criteria for mobile school-linked health centers and may award up to three grants to
19 school districts or education service districts for planning, technical assistance and oper-
20 ations to implement a mobile school-linked health center.

21 (3) A mobile school-linked health center operated using grants provided under this sec-
22 tion shall comply with the billing, electronic medical records and data reporting require-
23 ments established for grantees under section 1 (5), chapter 601, Oregon Laws 2019, but is not
24 subject to the school-based certification requirements or funding formulas established for
25 school-based health centers under ORS 413.225.

26 **SECTION 3.** (1) As used in this section:

27 (a) "Distant site" means the site where a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677, or
28 other licensed health care practitioner, who provides health care services through telehealth
29 is located at the time the physician or licensed health care practitioner provides the health
30 care service through telehealth.

31 (b) "Originating site" means the site where the patient is located at the time the patient
32 receives health care services provided through telehealth.

33 (c) "School-based health center" has the meaning given that term in ORS 413.225.

34 (d) "School nurse" means:

35 (A) A school nurse as defined in ORS 342.455; or

36 (B) A registered nurse who is an employee or contractor of a school district and who
37 practices nursing in a school setting.

38 (e) "Telehealth" means the use of electronic and telecommunication technologies to de-
39 liver health care services to a patient.

40 (2)(a) The Oregon Health Authority shall award grants to three school-based health cen-
41 ters to operate pilot projects to expand student access to mental and physical health care
42 services and to improve the health and education outcomes of students through the use of
43 telehealth.

44 (b) To be eligible for a grant under this subsection, a school-based health center shall
45 enter into a pilot project agreement with a school district. The pilot project agreement must

1 provide that:

2 (A) The school-based health center is the distant site that provides telehealth in con-
3 junction with a school nurse located at the originating site; and

4 (B) The school-based health center will allocate to the school district a portion of funds
5 received under this subsection to increase school nurse capacity and assist in offsetting costs
6 incurred by the school district as a result of the school district's participation in the pilot
7 project.

8 (c) Funds described in this subsection may be used to:

9 (A) Compensate the following individuals for services provided pursuant to a pilot project:

10 (i) A school nurse;

11 (ii) A licensed health care practitioner located at a school-based health center; and

12 (iii) Administrative or technical staff at a school-based health center;

13 (B) Cover the costs of:

14 (i) Technical equipment necessary to provide telehealth; and

15 (ii) Technical assistance related to the use and function of equipment necessary to pro-
16 vide telehealth; and

17 (C) Cover other costs related to the pilot project's provision of telehealth.

18 (3) The authority shall:

19 (a) Assist school-based health centers and school districts that enter into pilot project
20 agreements in the efficient use of funds distributed under subsection (2) of this section.

21 (b) Coordinate with a statewide nonprofit organization that has experience in supporting
22 school-based health centers and school nurses to carry out this section.

23 (4) A school-based health center that operates a pilot project shall report, on an interval
24 determined by the authority, to the authority on the progress of the pilot project in a man-
25 ner that allows the authority to determine the effectiveness of the pilot project.

26 (5) The authority shall establish a process to evaluate at least the following information
27 regarding a pilot project established under this section:

28 (a) Billing practices and reimbursements;

29 (b) Access to health care services;

30 (c) Impact on student absence from schools; and

31 (d) Workflow practices.

32 (6) Not later than December 31, 2025, the authority shall submit a report, in the manner
33 provided in ORS 192.245, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to
34 health care, on the effectiveness and success of pilot projects established under this section.
35 The authority may include in the report submitted under this subsection recommendations
36 for legislation.

37 **SECTION 4.** Section 5, chapter 601, Oregon Laws 2019, is amended to read:

38 **Sec. 5.** Section 1, [*of this 2019 Act*] **chapter 601, Oregon Laws 2019**, is repealed on January
39 2, [2026] 2028.

40 **SECTION 5.** There is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium be-
41 ginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$2,555,000 to be used as follows:

42 (1) \$995,000 for grants to school districts or education service districts and for technical
43 assistance under section 1 of this 2021 Act.

44 (2) \$285,000 for grants to school districts and education service districts under section 2
45 of this 2021 Act.

1 **(3) \$975,000 for grants and technical assistance to school-based health centers under**
2 **section 3 of this 2021 Act.**

3 **(4) \$300,000 for the costs of the authority in carrying out sections 1 to 3 of this 2021 Act.**

4 **SECTION 6. (1) Sections 1 and 2 of this 2021 Act are repealed on January 2, 2028.**

5 **(2) Section 3 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2026.**

6 **SECTION 7. (1) Sections 1 and 3 of this 2021 Act become operative on October 1, 2021.**

7 **(2) The Oregon Health Authority may take any action before the operative date specified**
8 **in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the authority to exercise, on and**
9 **after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions**
10 **and powers conferred on the authority by sections 1 and 3 of this 2021 Act.**

11 **SECTION 8. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
12 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect**
13 **July 1, 2021.**

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