House Bill 2591

Sponsored by Representative SOLLMAN (Presession 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 as introduced.

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to school-based health center grants; amending ORS 413.225.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 413.225 is amended to read:

ORS 413.225. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Community health center or safety net clinic” means a nonprofit medical clinic or school-based health center that provides primary physical health, vision, dental or mental health services to low-income patients without charge or using a sliding scale based on the income of the patient.

(b) “School-based health center” means a health clinic that:

(A) Is in a fixed or mobile facility located on the grounds of a school in a school district or on the grounds of a school operated by a federally recognized Indian tribe or tribal organization;

(B) Is organized through collaboration among schools, communities and health providers, including public health authorities;

(C) Is administered by a county, state, federal or private organization that ensures that certification requirements are met and provides project funding through grants, contracts, billing or other sources of funds;

(D) Is operated exclusively for the purpose of providing health services such as:

(i) Primary care;

(ii) Preventive health care;

(iii) Management and monitoring of chronic health conditions;

(iv) Behavioral health care;

(v) Oral health care;

(vi) Health education services; and

(vii) The administration of vaccines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

(E) Provides health services to children and adolescents by licensed or certified health professionals; and

(F) May provide one or more health services to children and adolescents by:

(i) A student enrolled in a professional medical, nursing or dental program at an accredited university if the health service is within the student’s field of study and training; or

(ii) An expanded practice dental hygienist holding a permit issued under ORS 680.200 for oral
(2)(a) The Oregon Health Authority shall award grants to community health centers or safety
net clinics, including school-based health centers, to ensure the capacity of each grantee to provide
health care services to underserved or vulnerable populations.
(b) The authority shall work with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and
stakeholders to identify additional sources of funding for school-based health center expenditures for
which federal financial participation is available under Title XIX or Title XXI of the Social Security
Act.
(3) The authority shall provide outreach for the Health Care for All Oregon Children program,
including development and administration of an application assistance program, and including grants
to provide funding to organizations and local groups for outreach and enrollment activities for the
program, within the limits of funds provided by the Legislative Assembly for this purpose.
(4) The authority shall, using funds allocated by the Legislative Assembly:
(a) Provide funds for the expansion and continuation of school-based health centers that are
operating on July 29, 2013, and that become certified under ORS 413.223;
(b) Direct funds to communities with certified school-based health centers and to communities
planning for certified school-based health centers; and
(c) Create a pool of funds available to provide financial incentives to:
(A) Increase the number of school-based health centers identified as patient centered primary
care homes without requiring school-based health centers to be identified as patient centered pri-
mary care homes;
(B) Improve the coordination of the care of patients served by coordinated care organizations
and school-based health centers; and
(C) Improve the effectiveness of the delivery of health services through school-based health
centers to children who qualify for medical assistance.
(5) The authority shall by rule adopt criteria for awarding grants and providing funds in ac-
cordance with this section.
(6) The authority shall analyze and evaluate the implementation of the Health Care for All
Oregon Children program.