

House Bill 2675

Sponsored by Representative NOSSE (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**.

Establishes Task Force on Behavioral Health to study issues identified by Secretary of State's audit of Oregon's mental health treatment system and develop recommendations for better integration of behavioral health systems in this state and for improving compensation and working conditions of direct providers of behavioral health care. Requires task force to report recommendations to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to behavioral health on or before September 15, 2022.

Sunsets task force January 2, 2023.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to behavioral health; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Behavioral Health is established.**

5 **(2) The task force consists of 16 members appointed as follows:**

6 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among the members of**
7 **the Senate.**

8 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**
9 **the members of the House of Representatives.**

10 **(c) The Governor shall appoint:**

11 **(A) One member representing the behavioral health division of the Oregon Health Au-**
12 **thority;**

13 **(B) One member who is a data analyst in the Health Policy and Analytics Division of the**
14 **authority;**

15 **(C) One member representing the Child and Family Behavioral Health Unit of the au-**
16 **thority;**

17 **(D) One member from the Department of Human Services with expertise in children in**
18 **foster care;**

19 **(E) One member representing coordinated care organizations;**

20 **(F) Two members from the System of Care Advisory Council;**

21 **(G) One member representing community mental health directors;**

22 **(H) One member representing tribes;**

23 **(I) One member representing organizations that advocate for consumers of behavioral**
24 **health care; and**

25 **(J) One member who is a consumer of behavioral health care.**

26 **(d) The Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court shall appoint one representative of**
27 **the Judicial Department.**

28 **(3) The task force shall study the issues raised by the Secretary of State's audit report**

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 2020-32, “Chronic and Systemic Issues in Oregon’s Mental Health Treatment System Leave
2 Children and Their Families in Crisis,” and develop recommendations for better integration
3 of the behavioral health systems in this state and for improving compensation and working
4 conditions for direct providers of behavioral health care.

5 (4) The task force may consult with experts, hear testimony from affected persons and
6 collect data and information necessary to carry out the task force’s duties.

7 (5) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction
8 of business.

9 (6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members
10 of the task force.

11 (7) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

12 (8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
13 ment to become immediately effective.

14 (9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
15 or of a majority of the members of the task force.

16 (10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

17 (11) The task force shall submit a report of its recommendations, in the manner provided
18 in ORS 192.245, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to behavioral
19 health no later than September 15, 2022.

20 (12) The authority shall provide staff support to the task force.

21 (13) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for
22 expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.

23 (14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
24 the task force in the performance of duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted
25 by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task
26 force consider necessary to perform their duties.

27 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2023.

28 **SECTION 3.** This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021
29 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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