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Senate Bill 782

Ordered by the Senate April 2
Including Senate Amendments dated April 2

Sponsored by Senator PATTERSON

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 Department of Education to [*establish and administer*] **select school districts to participate in** pilot program that enables school districts to deliver mental health screenings to students in grades 9 through 12.

Sunsets pilot program on December 31, 2023.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to mental health screenings for public school students; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** (1) **The Department of Education shall select school districts to participate**
5 **in a pilot program that enables school districts to deliver mental health screenings to stu-**
6 **dents in grades 9 through 12.**

7 (2) **The purpose of the pilot program is to determine evidence-based, cost-effective**
8 **methods for identifying and assisting students in grades 9 through 12 who may have mental**
9 **or behavioral health issues that interfere with their learning and school performance or with**
10 **the learning and school performance of other students.**

11 (3)(a) **Any school district may apply to participate in the pilot program under this sec-**
12 **tion.**

13 (b) **The department shall select up to 10 school districts to participate in the pilot pro-**
14 **gram. If more than 10 school districts apply, the department shall select school districts**
15 **through an equitable lottery selection process.**

16 (4) **A participating school district may enter into a partnership with a certified patient**
17 **centered primary care home, health care provider or other entity to:**

18 (a) **Provide community education and information related to the pilot program;**

19 (b) **Establish and administer the process related to student mental health screenings,**
20 **including the identification of students to be screened and the administration of the screen-**
21 **ing;**

22 (c) **Train educators to provide student mental health screenings;**

23 (d) **Develop and implement a student mental health referral process; or**

24 (e) **Develop and implement a process for communicating mental health resources to**
25 **students and parents.**

26 (5) **Nothing in this section requires a student to participate in a mental health screening.**

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 **(6)(a) By the date and on the form prescribed by the Department of Education, each**
2 **participating school district shall provide reports on the pilot program to the department.**

3 **(b) The department shall submit a preliminary report on the pilot program to an interim**
4 **committee of the Legislative Assembly related to education no later than September 15, 2022.**

5 **(c) The report required under paragraph (b) of this section may include:**

6 **(A) An explanation of how students were identified to be offered a mental health**
7 **screening;**

8 **(B) The number of students who received a mental health screening;**

9 **(C) Demographic information about the students who received a mental health screening,**
10 **including, at a minimum, age, grade and ethnicity;**

11 **(D) When during the school year students were identified to be offered a mental health**
12 **screening;**

13 **(E) The number and percentage of students who, based on a mental health screening,**
14 **were referred to a patient centered primary care home partner; and**

15 **(F) The number and percentage of students who, after receiving a referral to a patient**
16 **centered primary care home partner, followed up on the referral.**

17 **(d) The department shall submit a final report on the pilot program to an interim com-**
18 **mittee of the Legislative Assembly related to education no later than September 15, 2023. In**
19 **addition to the information described in paragraph (c) of this subsection, the report shall**
20 **include:**

21 **(A) Suggestions for how to fund and implement statewide a program that provides stu-**
22 **dents with mental health screenings;**

23 **(B) Strategies for ensuring that mental health screenings and referrals are administered**
24 **and provided in an equitable manner; and**

25 **(C) The identification of the primary barriers faced by students with mental health needs**
26 **in accessing assistance, which may include insurance, lack of providers or time for appoint-**
27 **ments.**

28 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on December 31, 2023.**

29 **SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
30 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect**
31 **July 1, 2021.**