

Requested by Representative SOLLMAN

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2591**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after the semicolon delete the rest
2 of the line and insert “creating new provisions; amending section 5, chapter
3 601, Oregon Laws 2019; and declaring an emergency.”.

4 Delete lines 4 through 31 and delete page 2 and insert:

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

6 **“(a) ‘School-based health center’ has the meaning given that term**
7 **in ORS 413.225.**

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

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

16 **“(a) Evaluate the need for school-based health services in their re-**
17 **spective communities; and**

18 **“(b) Develop a school-based health services plan that addresses the**
19 **need identified in paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

20 **“(3) The authority shall contract with a nonprofit organization with**
21 **experience in facilitating school health planning initiatives and sup-**

1 **porting school-based health centers to facilitate and oversee the plan-**
2 **ning process and to provide technical assistance to grantees to reduce**
3 **costs and ensure better coordination and continuity statewide. To the**
4 **greatest extent practicable, the nonprofit organization shall engage**
5 **with culturally specific organizations, in the grantees' communities,**
6 **that have experience providing culturally and linguistically specific**
7 **services in schools or after-school programs.**

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

13 **“(5) At the conclusion of the two-year planning process each**
14 **grantee shall receive funding to operate a school-based health center**
15 **or school nurse model in each respective grantee school district or**
16 **education service district.**

17 **“SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, ‘mobile school-linked**
18 **health center’ means a mobile medical van that:**

19 **“(a) Provides primary care services, and may provide other services,**
20 **to children on or near school grounds by licensed or certified health**
21 **care providers; and**

22 **“(b) Is sponsored by a school district or an educational service dis-**
23 **trict.**

24 **“(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall develop grant requirements**
25 **and ongoing operations criteria for mobile school-linked health centers**
26 **and may award up to three grants to school districts or education**
27 **service districts for planning, technical assistance and operations to**
28 **implement a mobile school-linked health center.**

29 **“(3) A mobile school-linked health center operated using grants**
30 **provided under this section shall comply with the billing, electronic**

1 **medical records and data reporting requirements established for**
2 **grantees under section 1 (5), chapter 601, Oregon Laws 2019, but is not**
3 **subject to the school-based certification requirements or funding for-**
4 **mulas established for school-based health centers under ORS 413.225.**

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

6 **“(a) ‘Distant site’ means the site where a physician licensed under**
7 **ORS chapter 677, or other licensed health care practitioner, who pro-**
8 **vides health care services through telehealth is located at the time the**
9 **physician or licensed health care practitioner provides the health care**
10 **service through telehealth.**

11 **“(b) ‘Originating site’ means the site where the patient is located**
12 **at the time the patient receives health care services provided through**
13 **telehealth.**

14 **“(c) ‘School-based health center’ has the meaning given that term**
15 **in ORS 413.225.**

16 **“(d) ‘School nurse’ means:**

17 **“(A) A school nurse as defined in ORS 342.455; or**

18 **“(B) A registered nurse who is an employee or contractor of a**
19 **school district and who practices nursing in a school setting.**

20 **“(e) ‘Telehealth’ means the use of electronic and telecommuni-**
21 **cation technologies to deliver health care services to a patient.**

22 **“(2)(a) The Oregon Health Authority shall award grants to three**
23 **school-based health centers to operate pilot projects to expand student**
24 **access to mental and physical health care services and to improve the**
25 **health and education outcomes of students through the use of tele-**
26 **health.**

27 **“(b) To be eligible for a grant under this subsection, a school-based**
28 **health center shall enter into a pilot project agreement with a school**
29 **district. The pilot project agreement must provide that:**

30 **“(A) The school-based health center is the distant site that provides**

1 telehealth in conjunction with a school nurse located at the originat-
2 ing site; and

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

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

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

11 “(i) A school nurse;

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

14 “(iii) Administrative or technical staff at a school-based health
15 center;

16 “(B) Cover the costs of:

17 “(i) Technical equipment necessary to provide telehealth; and

18 “(ii) Technical assistance related to the use and function of equip-
19 ment necessary to provide telehealth; and

20 “(C) Cover other costs related to the pilot project’s provision of
21 telehealth.

22 “(3) The authority shall:

23 “(a) Assist school-based health centers and school districts that
24 enter into pilot project agreements in the efficient use of funds dis-
25 tributed under subsection (2) of this section.

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

29 “(4) A school-based health center that operates a pilot project shall
30 report, on an interval determined by the authority, to the authority

1 on the progress of the pilot project in a manner that allows the au-
2 thority to determine the effectiveness of the pilot project.

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

6 “(a) Billing practices and reimbursements;

7 “(b) Access to health care services;

8 “(c) Impact on student absence from schools; and

9 “(d) Workflow practices.

10 “(6) Not later than December 31, 2025, the authority shall submit a
11 report, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, to an interim commit-
12 tee of the Legislative Assembly related to health care, on the effec-
13 tiveness and success of pilot projects established under this section.
14 The authority may include in the report submitted under this sub-
15 section recommendations for legislation.

16 “SECTION 4. Section 5, chapter 601, Oregon Laws 2019, is amended to
17 read:

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

20 “SECTION 5. There is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority,
21 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the
22 amount of \$2,555,000 to be used as follows:

23 “(1) \$995,000 for grants to school districts or education service dis-
24 tricts and for technical assistance under section 1 of this 2021 Act.

25 “(2) \$285,000 for grants to school districts and education service
26 districts under section 2 of this 2021 Act.

27 “(3) \$975,000 for grants and technical assistance to school-based
28 health centers under section 3 of this 2021 Act.

29 “(4) \$300,000 for the costs of the authority in carrying out sections
30 1 to 3 of this 2021 Act.

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

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

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

6 **“(2) The Oregon Health Authority may take any action before the**
7 **operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is neces-**
8 **sary to enable the authority to exercise, on and after the operative**
9 **date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, func-**
10 **tions and powers conferred on the authority by sections 1 and 3 of this**
11 **2021 Act.**

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

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