

Requested by Representative SANCHEZ

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2417**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 30 and delete page
2 2 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall provide grants**
4 **to cities or funding to county community mental health programs to**
5 **fund mobile crisis intervention teams and other programs as described**
6 **in this section.**

7 **“(2) A mobile crisis intervention team consists of at least one crisis**
8 **worker and:**

9 **“(a) In cities and counties with populations of 100,000 or greater, a**
10 **nurse or an emergency medical services provider, as defined in ORS**
11 **682.025, or both.**

12 **“(b) In cities and counties with populations of less than 100,000, a**
13 **nurse or another medical professional who is on call to assist the**
14 **team.**

15 **“(3) Mobile crisis intervention teams rely on trauma-informed de-**
16 **escalation and harm reduction techniques to:**

17 **“(a) Facilitate conflict resolution;**

18 **“(b) Conduct welfare checks;**

19 **“(c) Provide substance abuse interventions;**

20 **“(d) Address suicide threats; and**

21 **“(e) Address nonemergency medical issues.**

1 **“(4) Cities and counties that receive grants or funding under this**
2 **section shall train 9-1-1 operators to recognize calls with behavioral**
3 **health components and to route such calls to the mobile crisis inter-**
4 **vention team. The team shall respond by:**

5 **“(a) Assessing the situation;**

6 **“(b) Providing immediate stabilization in the case of an urgent**
7 **medical need or behavioral health crisis;**

8 **“(c) Providing information and referrals; and**

9 **“(d) Transporting the individual for treatment, if necessary.**

10 **“(5) A city or county community mental health program may elect**
11 **to staff a crisis worker position with:**

12 **“(a) Any of the following professionals:**

13 **“(A) An individual with a bachelor’s degree in social work, psy-**
14 **chology or counseling;**

15 **“(B) An individual with a master’s degree in social work licensed**
16 **under ORS 675.530;**

17 **“(C) A clinical social worker licensed under ORS 675.530;**

18 **“(D) A professional counselor with clinical experience licensed un-**
19 **der ORS 675.715;**

20 **“(E) A licensed nurse practitioner with a specialty in psychiatric**
21 **mental health; or**

22 **“(F) An individual with training equivalent to an individual listed**
23 **in this paragraph, as prescribed by the authority by rule; or**

24 **“(b) An individual with at least a bachelor’s degree in social work,**
25 **psychology, counseling or a related field specified by the authority who**
26 **is supervised by a licensed social worker with a master’s degree or a**
27 **licensed clinical social worker.**

28 **“(6) Mobile crisis intervention teams may not include law enforce-**
29 **ment, although law enforcement may be dispatched alongside mobile**
30 **crisis intervention teams if necessary.**

1 “(7) Cities and counties that receive grants or funding under this
2 section shall work with mobile crisis teams, if any, in their areas.

3 “(8)(a) Sixty percent of the moneys appropriated by the Legislative
4 Assembly for the purposes of this section and any federal matching
5 funds that may be available shall be paid to county community mental
6 health programs and 40 percent shall be available for grants to cities.

7 “(b) Cities with populations of 50,000 or greater and counties with
8 populations of 100,000 or greater must contribute 25 percent in
9 matching funds.

10 “(9) Cities and counties with populations less than the thresholds
11 specified in subsection (8) of this section are not required to contribute
12 matching funds.

13 “(10) Funds distributed under this section may be used for:

14 “(a) Staffing mobile crisis intervention teams;

15 “(b) Establishing a new or maintaining an existing:

16 “(A) Sobering facility registered under ORS 430.262;

17 “(B) Shelter facility that operates 24 hours a day and accepts indi-
18 viduals who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol; or

19 “(C) Crisis respite center; or

20 “(c) Addressing other unmet needs for behavioral health supports
21 in the city or county, as defined in criteria prescribed by the authority
22 by rule.

23 “(11) The authority shall seek a waiver of Medicaid laws or any
24 other form of approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
25 Services that is necessary to secure federal financial participation in
26 the costs of providing grants or funding under this section or the costs
27 of operating mobile crisis intervention teams.

28 “SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-
29 ation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the
30 biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount

1 of \$10,000,000, which shall be expended for:

2 “(1) Providing grants to cities or funding to county community
3 mental health programs to operate mobile crisis intervention teams
4 under section 1 of this 2021 Act; and

5 “(2) Funding one full-time equivalent position at the White Bird
6 Clinic in the City of Eugene.

7 **“SECTION 3. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall convene a work
8 group to study and evaluate methods for continuing to fund mobile
9 crisis intervention teams and other services described in section 1 of
10 this 2021 Act. The workgroup must include representatives of cities
11 and community mental health programs.**

12 **“(2) No later than September 15, 2022, the authority shall report, in
13 the manner provided in ORS 192.245, to the interim committees of the
14 Legislative Assembly related to mental or behavioral health, the
15 findings of the work group and recommendations for funding mobile
16 crisis intervention teams and other related services.**

17 **“SECTION 4. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate
18 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is
19 declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect July 1, 2021.”.**

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