

House Bill 4045

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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**.

Directs Oregon Health Authority to establish grant programs related to community violence prevention. Appropriates moneys from General Fund for grant programs.

Directs authority to approve national training and certification program for certified violence prevention professionals and to seek federal approval to secure federal financial participation in costs of providing medical assistance program coverage for community violence prevention services for medical assistance program enrollees who meet certain criteria.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to public health approaches to community violence prevention; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall establish a program to provide grants**
5 **to organizations for community violence prevention and intervention measures that address**
6 **intermediate risk factors and support protective factors to decrease social pressure to en-**
7 **gage in community violence, including, but not limited to, services related to:**

8 (a) Substance abuse and alcohol misuse, excluding direct treatment of substance use
9 disorders.

10 (b) Legal services.

11 (c) Educational attainment.

12 (d) Conflict resolution.

13 (e) Parent education.

14 (f) Employment services, including assistance procuring vital records and official docu-
15 ments.

16 (g) Youth and gang intervention.

17 (h) Housing stability.

18 (i) Street outreach and norm change.

19 (2) The authority may provide grants to an organization that provides technical assist-
20 ance to another organization that qualifies to receive grants under this section.

21 (3) The authority may request data from organizations receiving grants, but may not
22 consider program attrition or participant guarantee in data collection in awarding grants.

23 (4) The authority may adopt rules to implement this section.

24 **SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall establish a program to provide grants**
25 **to organizations that:**

26 (a) Have prior demonstrated experience operating hospital-based violence intervention
27 programs;

28 (b) Have an existing relationship with an Oregon hospital or hospital system; and

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 (c) Demonstrate:

2 (A) How additional funding will grow capacity to serve more Oregonians within the
3 organization's evidence-based model; or

4 (B) A commitment to serve as a learning center for other organizations that wish to
5 establish new hospital-based violence intervention programs in Oregon.

6 (2)(a) The authority shall establish a program to provide grants for planning, provider
7 training and certification and general capacity to hospitals and community-based organiza-
8 tions to develop hospital-based violence intervention programs in communities of need other
9 than in Multnomah County to reduce and interrupt the chronic cycle of community violence.

10 (b) The authority shall require a hospital or organization receiving a grant under this
11 section to demonstrate:

12 (A) A commitment to national best practices and standards of care; and

13 (B) An understanding of the hospital-based violence intervention model, the role of
14 trusted community messengers and a plan to certify violence prevention professionals.

15 (3) The authority may adopt rules to implement this section.

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

17 (a) "Act of community violence" means an intentional act of interpersonal violence
18 committed in public by someone who is not the victim's family member or intimate partner.

19 (b) "Certified violence prevention professional" means a person certified by a program
20 approved under subsection (2) of this section.

21 (c)(A) "Community violence prevention services" includes evidence-based, trauma-
22 informed, supportive and nonpsychotherapeutic services, offered in or out of a clinical set-
23 ting.

24 (B) "Community violence prevention services" also includes but is not limited to peer
25 support or counseling, mentorship, conflict mediation, crisis intervention, targeted case
26 management, referrals to certified or licensed health care or social services providers, and
27 patient education and screening services, provided by a certified violence prevention profes-
28 sional to:

29 (i) Promote improved health outcomes and positive behavioral change;

30 (ii) Prevent injury recidivism; and

31 (iii) Reduce the likelihood that victims of acts of community violence will commit or
32 promote violence themselves.

33 (2) The Oregon Health Authority shall approve at least one national training and certi-
34 fication program for certified violence prevention professionals. A program approved under
35 this subsection must require at least 35 hours of initial training and six hours of continuing
36 education every two years and address:

37 (a) The profound effects of trauma and violence and the basics of trauma-informed care;

38 (b) Community violence prevention strategies, including crisis intervention, de-escalation,
39 conflict mediation and retaliation prevention;

40 (c) Case management and advocacy practices; and

41 (d) Patient privacy requirements under the federal Health Insurance Portability and Ac-
42 countability Act privacy regulations, 45 C.F.R. parts 160 and 164.

43 (3) A person that employs or contracts with a certified violence prevention professional
44 to provide community violence prevention services shall:

45 (a) Maintain documentation that the professional is certified by a program approved un-

1 der subsection (2) of this section; and

2 (b) Ensure that the professional complies with applicable state or federal laws, regu-
3 lations, rules and standards of care.

4 (4) The authority shall seek federal approval to secure federal financial participation in
5 the costs of providing medical assistance program coverage for community violence pre-
6 vention services for medical assistance program enrollees who:

7 (a) Have received medical treatment for an injury sustained from an act of community
8 violence; and

9 (b) Have been referred by a certified or licensed health care or social services provider
10 to receive services from a certified violence prevention professional after the provider de-
11 termined the enrollee is at a higher risk of retaliation or a violent injury from another act
12 of community violence.

13 (5) The authority may adopt rules to implement this section.

14 SECTION 4. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-
15 priated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium ending June 30, 2023, out of the
16 General Fund, the amount of \$_____, which may be expended for purposes of awarding
17 grants under section 1 of this 2022 Act.

18 (2) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the
19 Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium ending June 30, 2023, out of the General Fund,
20 the amount of \$_____, which may be expended for purposes of awarding grants under sec-
21 tion 2 (1) of this 2022 Act.

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23 Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium ending June 30, 2023, out of the General Fund,
24 the amount of \$_____, which may be expended for purposes of awarding grants under sec-
25 tion 2 (2) of this 2022 Act.

26 SECTION 5. This 2022 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
27 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2022 Act takes effect
28 on its passage.

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