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## SUMMARY

Digest: The Act tells the ADPC, OHA, ODE and SOCAC to make changes designed to improve youth SUD services. (Flesch Readability Score: 75.7).

Directs the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission, in collaboration with the System of Care Advisory Council, the Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Education to conduct a study to assess the feasibility of increasing the services of school-based substance use prevention, screening, intervention and referral programs. Requires the commission to report to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2026.

Directs the commission, in collaboration with the council, to develop a comprehensive plan for a youth continuum of care to prevent, treat and provide recovery services for substance use disorders.

Directs the authority, in partnership with the department and the commission, to provide grants to approved recovery schools.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to youth substance use; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) The Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission, in collaboration with the System of Care Advisory Council established in ORS 418.978, the Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Education, shall conduct a study to assess the feasibility of increasing the services of school-based substance use prevention, screening, intervention and referral programs. The study shall examine programs operating in kindergarten through grade 12 schools that include:**

**(a) Evidence-based, community-based or culturally informed alcohol and drug prevention strategies;**

**(b) Universal screening for substance use and other behavioral**

1 **health needs;**

2 **(c) A screening, brief intervention and treatment approach;**

3 **(d) Disciplinary diversion for youth in possession of controlled sub-**  
4 **stances;**

5 **(e) Employing or contracting with certified prevention specialists**  
6 **or certified alcohol and drug counselors;**

7 **(f) Providing or partnering with providers of low-barrier outpatient**  
8 **treatment;**

9 **(g) Community-based partnerships that address substance use; or**

10 **(h) Youth leadership and decision-making related to substance use**  
11 **prevention and policy.**

12 **(2) The commission shall conduct a study to analyze gaps in the**  
13 **provider workforce and service delivery system for youth in need of**  
14 **all levels of substance use disorder treatment.**

15 **(3) No later than September 15, 2026, the commission shall report**  
16 **to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to**  
17 **health, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, on the findings of the**  
18 **studies conducted under this section and shall include recommen-**  
19 **dations to:**

20 **(a) Support and proliferate school-based substance use prevention,**  
21 **screening, intervention and referral programs;**

22 **(b) Alleviate gaps in school-based delivery models across this state;**  
23 **and**

24 **(c) Support community-based partnerships, including but not lim-**  
25 **ited to partnerships with local child welfare agencies, county commu-**  
26 **nity corrections agencies, community-based organizations and**  
27 **school-based health centers.**

28 **SECTION 2. (1) The Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission, in col-**  
29 **laboration with the System of Care Advisory Council established in**  
30 **ORS 418.978, shall develop a comprehensive plan for a youth**  
31 **continuum of care to prevent, treat and provide recovery services for**

1 substance use disorders. The plan shall include recommended statu-  
2 tory, regulatory and funding changes for state agencies that serve  
3 youth.

4 (2) All state agencies that serve youth shall:

5 (a) Participate in the development of the comprehensive plan and  
6 cooperate in any necessary data sharing agreements; and

7 (b) Implement any needed changes to rules, program standards,  
8 grants or contracts identified in the comprehensive plan.

9 **SECTION 3.** (1) The Oregon Health Authority, in partnership with  
10 the Department of Education and the Alcohol and Drug Policy Com-  
11 mission, shall provide grants to approved recovery schools, as defined  
12 in ORS 336.680, to:

13 (a) Offset costs for screenings; and

14 (b) Provide capacity for:

15 (A) Billing and reimbursement for health services;

16 (B) Nonbillable treatment and recovery services; and

17 (C) The establishment and implementation of alternative peer group  
18 models.

19 (2) The authority shall adopt rules as necessary to carry out the  
20 provisions of this section.

21 **SECTION 4.** The Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission, in partner-  
22 ship with the Oregon Health Authority, shall establish a multimedia  
23 public education and awareness campaign directed at youth and fami-  
24 lies about substance use disorder, community resources and education  
25 opportunities.

26 **SECTION 5.** The Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission, in collab-  
27 oration with the Oregon Health and Science University, shall provide  
28 education and technical assistance to providers of youth substance use  
29 disorder treatment and early intervention.

30 **SECTION 6.** Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.

31 **SECTION 7.** (1) Section 3 of this 2025 Act becomes operative on

1 **January 1, 2026.**

2 **(2) The Oregon Health Authority may take any action before the**  
3 **operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is neces-**  
4 **sary to enable the authority to exercise, on and after the operative**  
5 **date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, func-**  
6 **tions and powers conferred on the authority by section 3 of this 2025**  
7 **Act.**

8 **SECTION 8. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**  
9 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**  
10 **clared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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