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SUMMARY

Digest: The Act tells the ADPC and SOCAC to study ways to improve treatment services for youth with two or more diagnoses. (Flesch Readability Score: 68.6).

Directs the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission, in collaboration with the System of Care Advisory Council, to study needed treatment and recovery services for youth with co-occurring diagnoses and the barriers to accessing and receiving holistic services. Requires the commission and the council to report to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2026.

Sunset on January 2, 2027.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to treatment for youth with co-occurring diagnoses; and declaring
3 an emergency.

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

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

6 **(a) “Co-occurring diagnoses” means:**

7 **(A) Diagnoses of two or more of the following behavioral health**
8 **disorders:**

9 **(i) A substance use disorder;**

10 **(ii) A mental health disorder;**

11 **(iii) An eating disorder; or**

12 **(iv) Compulsive gambling disorder; or**

13 **(B) A diagnosis of a behavioral health disorder listed in subpara-**
14 **graph (A) of this paragraph at the same time as a diagnosis of:**

15 **(i) An intellectual or developmental disability; or**

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 (ii) A physical health condition.

2 (b) “Youth” means individuals between the ages of 11 and 25.

3 (2) The Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission, in collaboration with
4 the System of Care Advisory Council established in ORS 418.978, shall
5 study needed treatment and recovery services for youth with co-
6 occurring diagnoses and the barriers to accessing and receiving
7 holistic services. In conducting the study, the commission and the
8 council shall examine:

9 (a) Existing state and local programs that aim to provide treatment
10 and recovery services for youth with co-occurring diagnoses, includ-
11 ing:

12 (A) Any deficiencies in existing programs with regard to re-
13 imbursement or the array of services offered; and

14 (B) The accessibility of existing programs across health coverage
15 status;

16 (b) The adequacy of the provider base for treatment and recovery
17 services for youth with co-occurring diagnoses to meet the need for
18 services; and

19 (c) Any statutes, rules or licensing requirements that pose a barrier
20 to service delivery or the financial stability of providing treatment and
21 recovery services for youth with co-occurring diagnoses.

22 (3) No later than September 15, 2026, the commission and the
23 council shall report to the interim committees of the Legislative As-
24 ssembly related to health, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, on
25 the findings of the study conducted under this section and shall in-
26 clude recommendations about:

27 (a) Ways to improve, adapt or expand existing state or local pro-
28 grams that are capable of providing treatment and recovery services
29 for youth with co-occurring diagnoses;

30 (b) Incentives and workforce programs to address any deficiencies
31 in the workforce serving youth with co-occurring diagnoses;

1 **(c) Changes to statutes, rules or licensing requirements that pose**
2 **barriers to service delivery or the financial stability of providing**
3 **treatment and recovery services for youth with co-occurring diag-**
4 **noses; and**

5 **(d) Resource allocations to improve the accessibility of treatment**
6 **and recovery services for youth with co-occurring diagnoses regardless**
7 **of health coverage status.**

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

9 **SECTION 3.** **This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**
10 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**
11 **clared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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