SUMMARY

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Establishes commission to develop, maintain and oversee system for standardization of reporting opioid overdoses. Defines “opioid overdose.”

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to opioid overdose reporting; and prescribing an effective date.

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

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

(a) “Opioid” means a natural, synthetic or semisynthetic chemical that interacts with opioid receptors on nerve cells in the body and brain to reduce the intensity of pain signals and feelings of pain.

(b) “Opioid overdose” means a medical condition that causes depressed consciousness and mental functioning, decreased movement, depressed respiratory function and the impairment of vital functions as a result of ingesting opioids in an amount larger than can be physically tolerated.

(2) There is established, within the Oregon Health Authority, a commission to develop, maintain and oversee a system for the standardization of reporting opioid overdoses in this state. The commission consists of seven members appointed by the Governor, including but not limited to:

(a) A representative of the Association of Oregon Counties;

(b) A representative of the authority;

(c) A representative of a community-based organization that provides substance use addiction treatment services; and

(d) An epidemiologist who has experience in statewide data collection standardization.

(3) The authority shall provide necessary staff support to the commission.

(4) The commission and the authority may adopt rules to carry out this section.

SECTION 2. (1) Section 1 of this 2023 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2024.

(2) The Oregon Health Authority and the Governor may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the authority and the Governor to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the authority and the Governor by section 1 of this 2023 Act.

SECTION 3. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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.