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Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 968**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “care” insert “; creating new provisions;
2 and amending ORS 418.979”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 9 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1.** ORS 418.979 is amended to read:

5 “418.979. (1) The purpose of the System of Care Advisory Council is to
6 improve the effectiveness and efficacy of state and local systems of care that
7 provide services to youth by providing a centralized and impartial forum for
8 statewide policy development and planning.

9 “(2) The primary duty of the council is to develop and maintain a state
10 system of care policy and a comprehensive, long-range plan for a coordinated
11 state system of care that encompasses public health, health systems, child
12 welfare, education, juvenile justice and services and supports for mental and
13 behavioral health and people with intellectual or developmental disabilities.
14 The plan must include, but need not be limited to, recommendations regard-
15 ing:

16 “(a) Capacity, utilization and types of state and local systems of care and
17 services and supports;

18 “(b) Implementation of in-home behavioral health services, crisis and
19 transition services, therapeutic foster care, in-home family support services
20 and the integration of those services with existing programs of residential
21 services for individuals with behavioral health needs and intellectual devel-

1 opmental disabilities;

2 “(c) Appropriate use of existing systems of care and services and supports;

3 “(d) Whether additional services and supports are necessary to address
4 gaps in coverage;

5 “(e) Methods for assessing the effectiveness of systems of care and ser-
6 vices and supports in reducing juvenile dependency or delinquency;

7 “(f) Methods of reducing risk of future juvenile dependency or delin-
8 quency;

9 “(g) The effective utilization of the local system of care governance
10 structure;

11 “(h) Guidelines for partner agency core values and guiding principles; and

12 “(i) Guidelines that ensure cultural competence in the provision of ser-
13 vices and supports by:

14 “(A) Implementing uniform standards to allow local system of care teams
15 to describe the culturally responsive services and supports available in a
16 system of care.

17 “(B) Providing youth and families with understandable and effective sys-
18 tem of care services in a manner compatible with their disabilities, cultural
19 beliefs and practices, literacy skills and language.

20 “(C) Developing and implementing a process to review practices accepted
21 by diverse communities.

22 “(D) Identifying ways to continually improve culturally competent system
23 of care services and implementing a statewide system of care that reflects
24 culturally competent practices.

25 “(3) Other duties of the council are to:

26 “(a) Conduct joint studies **on any matter within the jurisdiction of the**
27 **council** by agreement with **the Oregon Youth Authority, the Department**
28 **of Human Services, the Oregon Health Authority, the Department of**
29 **Education, coordinated care organizations and any** other state agencies,
30 boards or commissions [*on any matter within the jurisdiction of the council*];

1 “(b) Provide oversight of the implementation of the services described in
2 subsection (2)(b) of this section by the Oregon Health Authority, the Oregon
3 Youth Authority and the Department of Human Services and to provide pe-
4 riodic updates on the agencies’ implementation to the Legislative Assembly;

5 “(c) Provide recommendations to the Director of the Oregon Health Au-
6 thority, the Director of the Oregon Youth Authority, **the Deputy Super-**
7 **intendent of Public Instruction** and the Director of Human Services as
8 necessary for the agencies to maintain and strengthen the systems of care;

9 “(d) Make recommendations to the Director of the Oregon Health Au-
10 thority, the Director of the Oregon Youth Authority, **the Deputy Super-**
11 **intendent of Public Instruction** and the Director of Human Services to
12 reduce barriers to implementation of systems of care;

13 “(e) Continually monitor and update the Children’s System Data
14 Dashboard described in ORS 418.981, with a specific focus on the number of
15 youth placed in hotels, out-of-state placements, emergency department
16 boarding, congregate care facilities, shelter care or Oregon Youth Authority
17 custody; and

18 “(f) Award grants from funds appropriated by the Legislative Assembly
19 to the council or from funds otherwise available from any other source, for
20 the purpose of supporting local system of care governance and for carrying
21 out the recommendations in the council’s plan developed under subsection
22 (2) of this section.

23 “(4)(a) On or before [*January 2 of each even-numbered year*] **January 1**
24 **of every fourth year**, the council shall update its plan under subsection (2)
25 of this section and submit the plan to an interim committee of the Legisla-
26 tive Assembly related to youth, and to the Governor.

27 “(b) On or before September 15 of each year, the council shall submit a
28 report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 to an interim committee of the
29 Legislative Assembly related to youth, and to the Governor, describing how
30 the council is meeting its goals and any remaining barriers to access to

1 services and supports. The report may include recommendations for legis-
2 lation, including recommendations for changes to the council structure,
3 composition and operating processes.

4 “(c) On or before December 31 of each odd-numbered year, the council, the
5 Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority shall sub-
6 mit a joint report in the manner described in ORS 192.245 to an interim
7 committee of the Legislative Assembly related to youth, describing moneys
8 appropriated to or otherwise made available to the department, the authority
9 or the council in the preceding biennium for the purpose of providing, or
10 providing access to, the services and supports described in subsection (2)(b)
11 of this section. The report must include an accounting of the expenditures
12 made by the department, the authority and the council and of any moneys
13 remaining unspent at the close of the biennium.

14 “(5) The council may:

15 “(a) Apply for and receive gifts and grants from any public or private
16 source.

17 “(b) Submit proposals for legislative measures at the time and in the
18 manner prescribed in ORS 171.130 and 171.133.

19 “(c) Adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section.

20 “(6) The council shall submit an agency request budget at the time and
21 in the manner prescribed under ORS 291.208.

22 “(7)(a) All agencies of state government are directed to assist the council
23 in the performance of the duties of the council and, to the extent permitted
24 by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice that
25 the members of the council consider necessary to perform the duties of the
26 council.

27 “(b) At the council’s request, a participating state agency shall provide
28 the council with the agency’s proposed budget form, prior to the agency’s
29 submission of the form to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services
30 under ORS 291.208, for the council’s review. The council may make recom-

1 mendations to the agency or, if appropriate, the department regarding the
2 agency's proposed expenditures for services and supports necessary to im-
3 plement the council's policy recommendations under this section.

4 “(8) The council and participating state agencies shall, where applicable,
5 enter into interagency agreements to:

6 “(a) Provide staff and resources to assist the council in carrying out the
7 council's duties;

8 “(b) Share computer systems and technologies, to the extent allowed by
9 law;

10 “(c) Collect and analyze data related to the state system of care and the
11 performance of the council's duties; or

12 “(d) Investigate the effectiveness of the council's proposals and recom-
13 mendations under this section.

14 “(9) Moneys that are appropriated to or otherwise made available to the
15 council or the Oregon Health Authority for the purpose of supporting the
16 duties of the council may not be expended except as directed by the council.

17 **“SECTION 2. The System of Care Advisory Council shall first up-
18 date the plan described in ORS 418.979 (2) and submit the plan required
19 under ORS 418.979 (4)(a) no later than January 1, 2026, and January 1
20 of every fourth year thereafter.”.**

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