

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 4151

By COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

February 14

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 25 and delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) The System of Care Advisory Council shall convene a subcommittee on**
3 **the youth behavioral health workforce.**

4 **“(2) The subcommittee consists of:**

5 **“(a) Members of the council, or designees of members of the council, who:**

6 **“(A) Are potential employers of graduates of youth-serving training programs for**
7 **youth-serving behavioral health professions for which there is no state-issued professional**
8 **authorization, including employers in coordinated care organizations, substance use disorder**
9 **treatment centers, behavioral health care organizations, community-based organizations and**
10 **schools;**

11 **“(B) Represent training programs for youth-serving behavioral health professions, in-**
12 **cluding high school career and technical education programs, associate degree training pro-**
13 **grams, bachelor’s degree training programs and skills training programs; and**

14 **“(C) Represent culturally specific organizations that serve underserved communities;**

15 **“(b) Representatives of health professional regulatory agencies that regulate behavioral**
16 **and mental health care professions, including but not limited to the Oregon Board of Li-**
17 **icensed Professional Counselors and Therapists, the Oregon Board of Psychology and the**
18 **State Board of Licensed Social Workers; and**

19 **“(c) The Early Learning System Director, or designee of the director.**

20 **“(3) If no members of the council meet a description provided in subsection (2)(a) of this**
21 **section, the council shall appoint a community member who meets the description.**

22 **“(4) The subcommittee shall identify state-issued professional authorization options for**
23 **existing and emerging behavioral health professions and for determining the structures and**
24 **supports needed to sustain the youth behavioral health workforce. The subcommittee shall**
25 **focus on behavioral health professions that have the potential to increase both equitable ac-**
26 **cess to behavioral health supports and the diversity of the existing behavioral health**
27 **workforce to be more reflective of the youth population of this state. Additionally, the sub-**
28 **committee shall:**

29 **“(a) Identify existing and emerging behavioral health professions that serve the youth**
30 **population of this state and for which there are no state-issued professional authorizations,**
31 **including information about the defining characteristics of each profession and the ability**
32 **of each profession to increase access to and diversity of the behavioral health workforce;**

33 **“(b) Provide recommendations regarding how to better align the behavioral health pro-**
34 **fessions described in paragraph (a) of this subsection with existing health professional regu-**
35 **latory agencies;**

1 “(c) Develop recommendations to establish state-issued professional authorizations to
2 support expanding the behavioral health workforce that serves the youth population of this
3 state; and

4 “(d) Identify strategies for creating pathways into the behavioral health professions that
5 serve the youth population of this state for individuals who are underrepresented in the
6 current behavioral health workforce.

7 “(5) The subcommittee shall submit, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245:

8 “(a) An initial report, which may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim
9 committees of the Legislative Assembly related to behavioral health not later than Septem-
10 ber 15, 2024; and

11 “(b) A final report, which may include recommendations for legislation, to the Legislative
12 Assembly not later than December 15, 2025.

13 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2024 Act is repealed on December 31, 2025.

14 “SECTION 3. This 2024 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
15 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2024 Act takes effect
16 on its passage.”.

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