

Requested by Representative SANCHEZ

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 4151**

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

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

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

6 **“(a) Members of the council, or designees of members of the coun-**  
7 **cil, who:**

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

14 **“(B) Represent training programs for youth-serving behavioral**  
15 **health professions, including high school career and technical educa-**  
16 **tion programs, associate degree training programs, bachelor’s degree**  
17 **training programs and skills training programs; and**

18 **“(C) Represent culturally specific organizations that serve under-**  
19 **served communities;**

20 **“(b) Representatives of health professional regulatory agencies that**  
21 **regulate behavioral and mental health care professions, including but**

1 not limited to the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors  
2 and Therapists, the Oregon Board of Psychology and the State Board  
3 of Licensed Social Workers; and

4 “(c) The Early Learning System Director, or designee of the direc-  
5 tor.

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

9 “(4) The subcommittee shall identify state-issued professional au-  
10 thorization options for existing and emerging behavioral health pro-  
11 fessions and for determining the structures and supports needed to  
12 sustain the youth behavioral health workforce. The subcommittee  
13 shall focus on behavioral health professions that have the potential to  
14 increase both equitable access to behavioral health supports and the  
15 diversity of the existing behavioral health workforce to be more re-  
16 flective of the youth population of this state. Additionally, the sub-  
17 committee shall:

18 “(a) Identify existing and emerging behavioral health professions  
19 that serve the youth population of this state and for which there are  
20 no state-issued professional authorizations, including information  
21 about the defining characteristics of each profession and the ability  
22 of each profession to increase access to and diversity of the behavioral  
23 health workforce;

24 “(b) Provide recommendations regarding how to better align the  
25 behavioral health professions described in paragraph (a) of this sub-  
26 section with existing health professional regulatory agencies;

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

30 “(d) Identify strategies for creating pathways into the behavioral

1 health professions that serve the youth population of this state for  
2 individuals who are underrepresented in the current behavioral health  
3 workforce.

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

6 “(a) An initial report, which may include recommendations for  
7 legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly re-  
8 lated to behavioral health not later than September 15, 2024; and

9 “(b) A final report, which may include recommendations for legis-  
10 lation, to the Legislative Assembly not later than December 15, 2025.

11 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2024 Act is repealed on December 31,  
12 2025.

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

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