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SUMMARY

Digest: The Act makes OHA create a portal to vet a behavioral health care provider. The Act also lets some BH care providers supervise other BH care providers who have different licenses. The Act tells the MHRA to oversee and help run the BLSW. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.6).

Requires the Oregon Health Authority to, no later than June 30, 2027, adopt a uniform process for credentialing organizational behavioral health providers and establish a centralized portal for processing applications. Prohibits a coordinated care organization from requiring a behavioral health provider to comply with any additional credentialing procedures.

Requires the authority to minimize unnecessary administrative burden for individual and organizational behavioral health providers who serve medical assistance recipients and to report biennially to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly.

Allows certain licensed behavioral health care providers to provide supervision for other behavioral health care providers who hold different license types.

Provides that the Mental Health Regulatory Agency will provide administrative and regulatory oversight and centralized service for the State Board of Licensed Social Workers.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to behavioral health care providers; creating new provisions;
3 amending ORS 675.030, 675.110, 675.166, 675.178, 675.595, 675.597 and
4 675.785; and prescribing an effective date.

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

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7 CREDENTIALING AND ADMINISTRATION

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

2 (a) “Coordinated care organization” has the meaning given that
3 term in ORS 414.025.

4 (b) “Organizational provider” has the meaning given that term in
5 ORS 430.637.

6 **(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall:**

7 (a) Adopt by rule a uniform process for credentialing organizational
8 providers; and

9 (b) Establish a centralized portal for processing credentialing ap-
10 plications.

11 **(3) A coordinated care organization:**

12 (a) Shall use the centralized portal established by the authority for
13 credentialing organizational providers; and

14 (b) May not require an organizational provider to comply with any
15 credentialing procedures other than the uniform process adopted by
16 the authority under this section.

17 **SECTION 2.** The Oregon Health Authority shall establish a cen-
18 tralized credentialing portal and complete rulemaking required under
19 section 1 of this 2026 Act no later than June 30, 2027.

20 **SECTION 3.** (1) As used in this section:

21 (a) “Behavioral health provider” includes:

22 (A) An individual who is licensed, certified or otherwise authorized
23 to provide behavioral health care services in this state; and

24 (B) An organizational provider, as defined in ORS 430.637.

25 (b) “Medical assistance” has the meaning given that term in ORS
26 414.025.

27 (2) The Oregon Health Authority shall minimize unnecessary ad-
28 ministrative burden for behavioral health providers who serve medical
29 assistance recipients.

30 (3) In carrying out this section, the authority shall:

31 (a) Solicit suggestions from behavioral health providers; and

1 **(b) Seek any necessary approval from the Centers for Medicare and**
2 **Medicaid Services.**

3 **(4) Each biennium, the authority shall report to the Governor and**
4 **the committees of the Legislative Assembly related to behavioral**
5 **health in the manner provided in ORS 192.245. The report shall iden-**
6 **tify:**

7 **(a) The efforts that the authority has made to solicit suggestions**
8 **from behavioral health providers;**

9 **(b) Any suggestions from behavioral health providers that the au-**
10 **thority has implemented; and**

11 **(c) The status of any request for approval from the Centers for**
12 **Medicare and Medicaid Services.**

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14 **SUPERVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS**

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16 **SECTION 4. Section 5 of this 2026 Act is added to and made a part**
17 **of ORS 675.510 to 675.600.**

18 **SECTION 5. (1) The State Board of Licensed Social Workers shall**
19 **adopt rules to allow, in addition to those individuals regulated by the**
20 **board, at least the following individuals to provide the supervision re-**
21 **quired for the issuance of an authorization to practice regulated social**
22 **work:**

23 **(a) A licensed psychologist, as defined in ORS 675.010;**

24 **(b) A licensed marriage and family therapist, as defined in ORS**
25 **675.705; and**

26 **(c) A licensed professional counselor, as defined in ORS 675.705.**

27 **(2) In adopting rules under this section, the board may consult as**
28 **necessary with the Oregon Board of Psychology and the Oregon Board**
29 **of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists. If the rules**
30 **adopted under this section allow for supervision by individuals regu-**
31 **lated by another health professional regulatory board, the State Board**

1 **of Licensed Social Workers may consult with other health professional
2 regulatory boards as necessary.**

3 **SECTION 6. Section 7 of this 2026 Act is added to and made a part
4 of ORS 675.715 to 675.835.**

5 **SECTION 7. (1) The Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Coun-
6 selors and Therapists shall adopt rules to allow, in addition to those
7 individuals regulated by the board, at least the following individuals
8 to provide the supervision required for the issuance of a license or
9 registration to practice marriage and family therapy or professional
10 counseling:**

11 **(a) A licensed psychologist, as defined in ORS 675.010; and
12 (b) A clinical social worker licensed under ORS 675.530.**

13 **(2) In adopting rules under this section, the board may consult as
14 necessary with the Oregon Board of Psychology and the State Board
15 of Licensed Social Workers. If the rules adopted under this section
16 allow for supervision by individuals regulated by another health pro-
17 fessional regulatory board, the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional
18 Counselors and Therapists may consult with other health professional
19 regulatory boards as necessary.**

20 **SECTION 8. ORS 675.030 is amended to read:**

21 **675.030. (1) Upon application for licensure accompanied by the established
22 fee, the Oregon Board of Psychology shall issue a psychologist license to an
23 applicant who performs to the satisfaction of the board in examinations
24 prescribed by the board and furnishes evidence satisfactory to the board that
25 the applicant:**

26 **(a) Has complied with all applicable provisions of ORS 675.010 to 675.150
27 and the applicable rules of the board;**

28 **(b) Holds a doctoral degree in psychology from an approved doctoral
29 program in psychology;**

30 **(c) Has satisfactorily completed courses and training required by the
31 board;**

1 (d) Has had two years of supervised employment in the field of psychology:

3 (A) Under the direction of a psychologist licensed in Oregon or under the
4 direction of a person considered by the board to have equivalent supervisory
5 competence; or

6 (B) In the military; and

7 (e) Is of good moral character. For purposes of this section, the lack of
8 good moral character may be established by reference to acts or conduct that
9 reflect moral turpitude or to acts or conduct that would cause a reasonable
10 person to have substantial doubts about the individual's honesty, fairness
11 and respect for the rights of others and for the laws of the state and the
12 nation. The conduct or acts in question must be rationally connected to the
13 applicant's fitness to practice psychology.

14 (2) The board shall adopt rules by which a person receiving post-doctoral
15 supervision during the application process may enter into a contract to
16 practice psychology under the supervision of a licensed psychologist, psy-
17 chologist associate or a person considered by the board to have equivalent
18 supervisory competence. An applicant who enters such a contract shall be
19 designated as a psychologist resident or a psychologist associate resident,
20 accordingly, and shall be subject to ORS 675.010 to 675.150.

21 **(3)(a) In establishing by rule a list of persons who are considered
22 by the board to have equivalent supervisory competence for purposes
23 of this section, the board shall include persons who are clinical social
24 workers licensed under ORS 675.530, licensed marriage and family
25 therapists, as defined in ORS 675.705, and licensed professional coun-
26 selors, as defined in ORS 675.705.**

27 **(b) In adopting rules under this section, the board may consult as
28 necessary with the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors
29 and Therapists and the State Board of Licensed Social Workers. If the
30 rules adopted under this section allow for supervision by individuals
31 regulated by another health professional regulatory board, the Oregon**

1 **Board of Psychology may consult with other health professional reg-**
2 **ulatory boards as necessary.**

3 **SECTION 9. (1) Sections 5 and 7 of this 2026 Act and the amend-**
4 **ments to ORS 675.030 by section 8 of this 2026 Act become operative**
5 **on January 1, 2027.**

6 **(2) The Oregon Board of Psychology, the Oregon Board of Licensed**
7 **Professional Counselors and Therapists and the State Board of Li-**
8 **censed Social Workers may take any action before the operative date**
9 **specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable**
10 **the boards to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in**
11 **subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers**
12 **conferred on the boards by sections 5 and 7 of this 2026 Act and the**
13 **amendments to ORS 675.030 by section 8 of this 2026 Act.**

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15 **MENTAL HEALTH REGULATORY AGENCY**

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17 **SECTION 10. ORS 675.110 is amended to read:**

18 **675.110. In addition to the powers otherwise granted under ORS 675.010**
19 **to 675.150, the Oregon Board of Psychology has all powers necessary or**
20 **proper to:**

21 **(1) Determine qualifications of applicants to practice psychology in this**
22 **state, prepare, conduct and grade examinations and license qualified appli-**
23 **cants who comply with the provisions of ORS 675.010 to 675.150 and the rules**
24 **of the board.**

25 **(2) Grant or deny renewal of licenses and renew licenses that have lapsed**
26 **for nonpayment of the renewal fee, subject to the provisions of ORS 675.010**
27 **to 675.150.**

28 **(3) Suspend or revoke licenses, subject to ORS 675.010 to 675.150.**

29 **(4) Issue letters of reprimand and impose probationary periods with the**
30 **authority to restrict the scope of practice of a licensed psychologist or to**
31 **require practice under supervision.**

- 1 (5) Impose civil penalties as provided in ORS 675.070.
- 2 (6) Restore licenses that have been suspended or revoked or voided by
3 nonpayment of the renewal fee.
- 4 (7) Collect fees for application, examination and licensing of applicants,
5 for renewal of licenses and for issuance of limited permits and use the fees
6 to defray the expenses of the board as provided in ORS 675.140.
- 7 (8) Collect a delinquent renewal fee for licenses renewed after the dead-
8 line for renewal but before the grace period for renewal has expired.
- 9 (9) Investigate alleged violations of ORS 675.010 to 675.150.
- 10 (10) Issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses, take testimony, ad-
11 minister oaths or affirmations to witnesses, conduct hearings and require the
12 production of relevant documents in all proceedings pertaining to the duties
13 and powers of the board.
- 14 (11) Enforce ORS 675.010 to 675.150 and exercise general supervision over
15 the practice of psychology in this state.
- 16 (12) Adopt a common seal.
- 17 (13) Formulate a code of professional conduct for the practice of psy-
18 chology giving particular consideration to the Ethical Standards of Psy-
19 chologists promulgated by the American Psychological Association.
- 20 (14) Establish standards of service and training and educational qualifi-
21 cations for rendering ethical psychological services in this state, including
22 the formulation of standards for the issuance of licenses for areas of special
23 competence.
- 24 (15) Formulate and enforce continuing education requirements for duly
25 licensed psychologists to ensure the highest quality of professional services
26 to the public.
- 27 (16) Deny renewal of a license, or renewal of a license that has lapsed for
28 nonpayment of the renewal fee, unless the applicant completes, or provides
29 documentation of completion within the previous 36 months of:
 - 30 (a) A one-hour pain management education program approved by the
31 board and developed based on recommendations of the Pain Management

1 Commission; or

2 (b) An equivalent pain management education program, as determined by
3 the board.

4 (17) Assess costs associated with a disciplinary action to the person
5 against whom the board takes the disciplinary action, as follows:

6 (a) For total costs of \$3,000 or less, the board may not assess any costs.

7 (b) For total costs greater than \$3,000 but not greater than \$6,000, the
8 board may assess up to 50 percent of the total costs.

9 (c) For total costs greater than \$6,000, the board may assess up to 100
10 percent of the total costs.

11 (18) For the purpose of requesting a state or nationwide criminal records
12 check under ORS 181A.195, require the fingerprints of a person who is:

13 (a) Applying for a license issued by the board;

14 (b) Applying for renewal of a license issued by the board; or

15 (c) Under investigation by the board.

16 (19) Prescribe, in consultation with the Oregon Board of Licensed Pro-
17 fessional Counselors and Therapists **and the State Board of Licensed So-**
18 **cial Workers**, the duties of the Director of the Mental Health Regulatory
19 Agency.

20 (20) Subject to the applicable provisions of ORS chapter 183, adopt rea-
21 sonable rules to carry out the provisions of ORS 675.010 to 675.150.

22 **SECTION 11.** ORS 675.166 is amended to read:

23 675.166. The Mental Health Regulatory Agency shall provide administra-
24 tive and regulatory oversight and centralized service for:

25 (1) The Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists,
26 as provided in ORS 675.715 to 675.835; *[and]*

27 (2) The Oregon Board of Psychology, as provided in ORS 675.010 to
28 675.150^[.]; *and*

29 (3) **The State Board of Licensed Social Workers, as provided in ORS**
30 **675.510 to 675.600.**

31 **SECTION 12.** ORS 675.178 is amended to read:

1 675.178. (1) The Mental Health Regulatory Agency is under the super-
2 vision and control of the Director of the Mental Health Regulatory Agency,
3 who is responsible for the performance of the duties, functions and powers
4 and for the organization of the agency.

5 (2) The regulated boards shall jointly appoint the director, who shall
6 serve at the direction of the boards. If the boards cannot agree on a director,
7 the Governor shall appoint a director from individuals suggested by each
8 board, and the Governor's decision is final.

9 (3) The director is authorized to carry out the provisions of:

10 (a) ORS 675.010 to 675.150 as prescribed by the Oregon Board of Psychol-
11 ogy; *[and]*

12 (b) ORS 675.715 to 675.835 as prescribed by the Oregon Board of Licensed
13 Professional Counselors and Therapists~~[.]~~; **and**

14 **(c) ORS 675.510 to 675.600 as prescribed by the State Board of Li-**
15 **censed Social Workers.**

16 (4) The director may appoint officers and hire employees as necessary to
17 assist the director in fulfilling the duties, functions and powers conferred on
18 the director by this section.

19 (5) The director may prescribe the duties and fix the compensation of of-
20 ficers appointed by the director and employees hired by the director.

21 (6) The director has all the powers necessary for the director to fulfill the
22 director's duties as prescribed by the regulated boards under subsection (3)
23 of this section.

24 **SECTION 13.** ORS 675.595 is amended to read:

25 675.595. In addition to the powers otherwise granted under ORS 675.510
26 to 675.600, the State Board of Licensed Social Workers *[shall have the fol-*
27 *lowing powers]* **has all the powers necessary or proper to:**

28 (1) *[To]* Determine the qualifications of applicants to practice social work
29 in this state.

30 (2) *[To cause to have examinations prepared, conducted and graded]* **Pre-**
31 **pare, conduct and grade examinations.**

1 (3) [To] Grant authorizations to practice regulated social work to qualified
2 applicants upon their compliance with the provisions of ORS 675.510 to
3 675.600 and the rules of the board.

4 (4) [To] Grant or deny renewal of authorizations to practice regulated social
5 work.

6 (5) [To] Suspend or revoke authorizations to practice regulated social
7 work.

8 (6) [To] Issue letters of reprimand.

9 (7) [To] Impose probationary periods with the authority to restrict the
10 scope of practice of a regulated social worker.

11 (8) [To] Require that a regulated social worker:

12 (a) Practice under supervision;

13 (b) Obtain additional training in social work; or

14 (c) Undergo psychological, physical or psychiatric assessment, enter into
15 and remain in any prescribed treatment program and disclose the results of
16 the treatment program to the board.

17 (9) [To] Impose civil penalties as provided in ORS 675.540.

18 (10) [To] Restore authorizations to practice regulated social work that
19 have been suspended, revoked or voided by nonpayment of the renewal fee.

20 (11) [To] Collect fees for application, examination and reexamination of
21 applicants for initial authorizations to practice regulated social work as
22 provided in ORS 675.571.

23 (12) [To] Collect fees for renewal of authorizations to practice regulated
24 social work as provided in ORS 675.571.

25 (13) [To] Collect delinquent renewal fees as provided in ORS 675.571 (4).

26 (14) [To] Investigate alleged violations of ORS 675.510 to 675.600.

27 (15) [To] Issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses, take testimony,
28 administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses, conduct hearings and require
29 the production of relevant documents in all proceedings pertaining to the
30 duties and powers of the board.

31 (16) [To] Enforce ORS 675.510 to 675.600 and exercise general supervision

1 over the practice of social work in this state.

2 (17) [To] Adopt a common seal.

3 (18) [To] Formulate and enforce a code of professional conduct for the
4 practice of social work giving particular consideration to the code of ethics.

5 (19) [To] Formulate and enforce continuing education requirements for
6 regulated social workers to ensure the highest quality of professional ser-
7 vices to the public.

8 (20) [To] Take [such] **any** other disciplinary action [as] **that** the board in
9 its discretion finds proper, including but not limited to assessment of the
10 costs of the disciplinary process.

11 (21) For the purpose of requesting a state or nationwide criminal records
12 check under ORS 181A.195, [to] require the fingerprints of a person who is:

13 (a) Applying for an authorization to practice regulated social work;
14 (b) Applying for renewal of an authorization to practice regulated social
15 work; or

16 (c) Under investigation by the board.

17 **(22) Prescribe, in consultation with the Oregon Board of Licensed
18 Professional Counselors and Therapists and the Oregon Board of Psy-
19 chology, the duties of the Director of the Mental Health Regulatory
20 Agency.**

21 **SECTION 14.** ORS 675.597 is amended to read:

22 675.597. The State Board of Licensed Social Workers Account is estab-
23 lished in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund.
24 Interest earned by the State Board of Licensed Social Workers Account shall
25 be credited to the account. Moneys in the account are continuously appro-
26 priated to the board for the administration and enforcement of ORS **675.172**,
27 675.510 to 675.600, 676.850 and 676.866.

28 **SECTION 15.** ORS 675.785 is amended to read:

29 675.785. The Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and
30 Therapists has the following powers and duties:

31 (1) In accordance with the applicable provisions of ORS chapter 183, the

1 board shall adopt rules necessary for the administration of the laws the
2 board is charged with administering.

3 (2) Subject to applicable provisions of the State Personnel Relations Law,
4 the board may appoint, prescribe the duties and fix the compensation of
5 employees of the board necessary to carry out the duties of the board.

6 (3)(a) The board may impose nonrefundable fees in an amount set by rule
7 for the following:

8 (A) License application.

9 (B) First issuance of a license.

10 (C) Renewal of a license.

11 (D) Late filing of a license renewal.

12 (E) Renewal of registration as an associate.

13 (F) Examinations. Examination fees may not exceed the costs incurred in
14 administering the particular examination.

15 (G) Limited permits.

16 (b) Fees established under this subsection are subject to prior approval
17 of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and must be within the
18 budget authorized by the Legislative Assembly as that budget may be modi-
19 fied by the Emergency Board.

20 (4) The Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists
21 shall:

22 (a) Maintain a register of all current licensed professional counselors and
23 marriage and family therapists.

24 (b) Annually publish a directory listing all current licensed professional
25 counselors and marriage and family therapists. The directory must be avail-
26 able to the public, and the board may collect a publication fee for the di-
27 rectory.

28 (5) The board shall:

29 (a) Investigate alleged violations of the provisions of ORS 675.715 to
30 675.835 or rules adopted under authority of the board.

31 (b) Establish procedures to review the complaints of clients of licensees

1 of the board. Upon receipt of a complaint under ORS 675.715 to 675.835
2 against a licensed or unlicensed person, the board shall conduct an investi-
3 gation as described under ORS 676.165.

4 (6) The board shall report to the Legislative Assembly concerning the
5 activities of the board during the preceding biennium.

6 (7) The board shall form standards committees to establish, examine and
7 pass on the qualifications of applicants to practice professional counseling
8 or marriage and family therapy in this state, including standards and re-
9 quirements for continuing education and supervision, as appropriate. The
10 standards committee for professional counselors shall be made up of the
11 professional counselors on the board, the faculty member and the public
12 member. The standards committee for marriage and family therapists shall
13 be made up of the marriage and family members of the board, the faculty
14 member and the public member.

15 (8) The board shall grant licenses to applicants who qualify to practice
16 professional counseling or marriage and family therapy in this state upon
17 compliance with ORS 675.715 to 675.835 and the rules of the board.

18 (9) The board may administer oaths, take depositions, defray legal ex-
19 penses and issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the
20 production of documents or written information necessary to carry out ORS
21 675.715 to 675.835.

22 (10) The board may adopt a seal to be affixed to all licenses.

23 (11) The board shall adopt a code of ethics for licensees. The board may
24 use the ethical codes of professional counseling and marriage and family
25 therapy associations as models for the code established by the board.

26 (12) The board may set academic and training standards necessary under
27 ORS 675.715 to 675.835, including, but not limited to, the adoption of rules
28 to establish semester hour equivalents for qualification for licensing where
29 quarter hours are required under ORS 675.715 to 675.835.

30 (13) The board shall require the applicant for a professional counselor
31 license or a marriage and family therapy license to receive a passing score

1 on an examination of competency in counseling or marriage and family
2 therapy. The examination may be the examination given nationally to certify
3 counselors, or in the case of marriage and family therapy, the examination
4 approved by the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory
5 Boards.

6 (14) For the purpose of requesting a state or nationwide criminal records
7 check under ORS 181A.195, the board may require the fingerprints of a per-
8 son who is:

- 9 (a) Applying for a license that is issued by the board;
- 10 (b) Applying for renewal of a license that is issued by the board; or
- 11 (c) Under investigation by the board.

12 (15) The board shall prescribe, in consultation with the Oregon Board of
13 **Psychology and the State Board of Licensed Social Workers**, the duties
14 of the Director of the Mental Health Regulatory Agency.

15 **SECTION 16.** (1) **On the operative date of this section, the tenure**
16 **of any director or other administrator who provides administrative**
17 **oversight for the State Board of Licensed Social Workers ceases.**

18 (2) **All of the duties, functions and powers of any directors or other**
19 **administrators of the board are imposed upon, transferred to and**
20 **vested in the Director of the Mental Health Regulatory Agency.**

21 **SECTION 17.** (1) **A director or other administrator of the State**
22 **Board of Licensed Social Workers whose tenure ceases under section**
23 **16 of this 2026 Act shall:**

24 (a) **Deliver to the Director of the Mental Health Regulatory Agency**
25 **all records and property, within the jurisdiction of a director or other**
26 **administrator whose tenure ceases under section 16 of this 2026 Act,**
27 **that related to the duties, functions and powers transferred by section**
28 **16 of this 2026 Act; and**

29 (b) **Transfer to the Director of the Mental Health Regulatory**
30 **Agency those employees engaged primarily in the exercise of the du-**
31 **ties, functions and powers transferred by section 16 of this 2026 Act.**

1 **(2) The Director of the Mental Health Regulatory Agency shall take**
2 **possession of the records and property, and shall take charge of the**
3 **employees and employ them in the exercise of the duties, functions**
4 **and powers transferred by section 16 of this 2026 Act, without re-**
5 **duction of compensation but subject to change or termination of em-**
6 **ployment or compensation as provided by law.**

7 **SECTION 18. (1) Nothing in the amendments to ORS 675.110, 675.166,**
8 **675.178, 675.595, 675.597 and 675.785 by sections 10 to 15 of this 2026 Act**
9 **relieves a person of a liability, duty or obligation accruing under or**
10 **with respect to the duties, functions and powers transferred by section**
11 **16 of this 2026 Act. The Director of the Mental Health Regulatory**
12 **Agency may undertake the collection or enforcement of any liability,**
13 **duty or obligation accruing under or with respect to the duties, func-**
14 **tions and powers transferred by section 16 of this 2026 Act.**

15 **(2) The rights and obligations of a director or other administrator**
16 **who provides administrative oversight for the State Board of Licensed**
17 **Social Workers legally incurred under contracts, leases and business**
18 **transactions executed, entered into or begun before the operative date**
19 **specified in section 19 of this 2026 Act are transferred to the Director**
20 **of the Mental Health Regulatory Agency. For the purpose of suc-**
21 **cession to these rights and obligations, the new director is not a new**
22 **authority.**

23 **SECTION 19. (1) Sections 16 to 18 of this 2026 Act and the amend-**
24 **ments to ORS 675.110, 675.166, 675.178, 675.595, 675.597 and 675.785 by**
25 **sections 10 to 15 of this 2026 Act become operative on June 30, 2027.**

26 **(2) The Mental Health Regulatory Agency and the State Board of**
27 **Licensed Social Workers may take any action before the operative date**
28 **specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable**
29 **the agency and the board to exercise, on and after the operative date**
30 **specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions**
31 **and powers conferred on the agency and the board by sections 16 to**

1 **18 of this 2026 Act and the amendments to ORS 675.110, 675.166, 675.178,**
2 **675.595, 675.597 and 675.785 by sections 10 to 15 of this 2026 Act.**

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4 **CAPTIONS**

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6 **SECTION 20. The unit captions used in this 2026 Act are provided**
7 **only for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the**
8 **statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent in the**
9 **enactment of this 2026 Act.**

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11 **EFFECTIVE DATE**

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13 **SECTION 21. This 2026 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the**
14 **date on which the 2026 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative**
15 **Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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