

House Bill 2502

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells the ADPC, OHA, ODE and SOCAC to make changes designed to improve youth SUD services. (Flesch Readability Score: 75.7).

Directs the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission, in collaboration with the System of Care Advisory Council, the Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Education, to conduct a study to assess the feasibility of increasing the services of school-based substance use prevention, screening, intervention and referral programs. Requires the commission to report to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2026.

Directs the commission, in collaboration with the council, to develop a comprehensive plan for a youth continuum of care to prevent, treat and provide recovery services for substance use disorders.

Directs the authority, in partnership with the department and the commission, to provide grants to approved recovery schools.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to youth substance use; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission, in collaboration with the Sys-**
5 **tem of Care Advisory Council established in ORS 418.978, the Oregon Health Authority and**
6 **the Department of Education, shall conduct a study to assess the feasibility of increasing the**
7 **services of school-based substance use prevention, screening, intervention and referral pro-**
8 **grams. The study shall examine programs operating in kindergarten through grade 12**
9 **schools that include:**

10 (a) Evidence-based, community-based or culturally informed alcohol and drug prevention
11 strategies;

12 (b) Universal screening for substance use and other behavioral health needs;

13 (c) A screening, brief intervention and treatment approach;

14 (d) Disciplinary diversion for youth in possession of controlled substances;

15 (e) Employing or contracting with certified prevention specialists or certified alcohol and
16 drug counselors;

17 (f) Providing or partnering with providers of low-barrier outpatient treatment;

18 (g) Community-based partnerships that address substance use; or

19 (h) Youth leadership and decision-making related to substance use prevention and policy.

20 (2) The commission shall conduct a study to analyze gaps in the provider workforce and
21 service delivery system for youth in need of all levels of substance use disorder treatment.

22 (3) No later than September 15, 2026, the commission shall report to the interim com-
23 mittees of the Legislative Assembly related to health, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245,
24 on the findings of the studies conducted under this section and shall include recommen-

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 **dations to:**

2 (a) Support and proliferate school-based substance use prevention, screening, inter-
3 vention and referral programs;

4 (b) Alleviate gaps in school-based delivery models across this state; and

5 (c) Support community-based partnerships, including but not limited to partnerships with
6 local child welfare agencies, county community corrections agencies, community-based or-
7 ganizations and school-based health centers.

8 **SECTION 2.** (1) The Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission, in collaboration with the Sys-
9 tem of Care Advisory Council established in ORS 418.978, shall develop a comprehensive plan
10 for a youth continuum of care to prevent, treat and provide recovery services for substance
11 use disorders. The plan shall include recommended statutory, regulatory and funding
12 changes for state agencies that serve youth.

13 (2) All state agencies that serve youth shall:

14 (a) Participate in the development of the comprehensive plan and cooperate in any nec-
15 essary data sharing agreements; and

16 (b) Implement any needed changes to rules, program standards, grants or contracts
17 identified in the comprehensive plan.

18 **SECTION 3.** (1) The Oregon Health Authority, in partnership with the Department of
19 Education and the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission, shall provide grants to approved
20 recovery schools, as defined in ORS 336.680, to:

21 (a) Offset costs for screenings; and

22 (b) Provide capacity for:

23 (A) Billing and reimbursement for health services;

24 (B) Nonbillable treatment and recovery services; and

25 (C) The establishment and implementation of alternative peer group models.

26 (2) The authority shall adopt rules as necessary to carry out the provisions of this sec-
27 tion.

28 **SECTION 4.** The Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission, in partnership with the Oregon
29 Health Authority, shall establish a multimedia public education and awareness campaign di-
30 rected at youth and families about substance use disorder, community resources and educa-
31 tion opportunities.

32 **SECTION 5.** The Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission, in collaboration with the Oregon
33 Health and Science University, shall provide education and technical assistance to providers
34 of youth substance use disorder treatment and early intervention.

35 **SECTION 6.** Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.

36 **SECTION 7.** (1) Section 3 of this 2025 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2026.

37 (2) The Oregon Health Authority may take any action before the operative date specified
38 in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the authority to exercise, on and
39 after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions
40 and powers conferred on the authority by section 3 of this 2025 Act.

41 **SECTION 8.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
42 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
43 on its passage.

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