

Requested by Senator PATTERSON

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 527**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 27.

2 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 8 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. (1)(a) The Oregon Health Authority shall award grants**
4 **to local workforce development boards, as defined in ORS 660.300, for**
5 **the purpose of collaborating with the entities specified under sub-**
6 **section (2) of this section to establish and implement behavioral health**
7 **workforce training programs throughout this state.**

8 **“(b) The programs must be designed:**

9 **“(A) Based on evidence from existing, successful behavioral health**
10 **workforce training models that have demonstrated effectiveness in**
11 **increasing workforce capacity in behavioral health.**

12 **“(B) To provide culturally and linguistically specific training op-**
13 **portunities to high school students from underserved communities in**
14 **an effort to increase a culturally and linguistically specific behavioral**
15 **health workforce.**

16 **“(2)(a) Local workforce development boards shall, in consultation**
17 **with the Oregon Health Authority, establish partnerships with one or**
18 **more of the following entities to administer the programs:**

19 **“(A) Education service districts, as defined in ORS 334.003.**

20 **“(B) Coordinated care organizations, as defined in ORS 414.025.**

21 **“(C) Local public health organizations.**

1 **“(D) Local school districts.**

2 **“(E) The nine federally recognized Indian tribes in this state.**

3 **“(b) Programs funded by grants awarded under this section shall**
4 **be based on collaborative partnerships and efforts between the entities**
5 **described under paragraph (a) of this subsection. The local workforce**
6 **development boards shall distribute funds to an entity that partners**
7 **with the local workforce development board to facilitate the adminis-**
8 **tration of a program.**

9 **“(3) Grants awarded under this section may be used only for the**
10 **purposes of:**

11 **“(a) Developing, facilitating or sponsoring the programs described**
12 **under subsection (1) of this section.**

13 **“(b) Providing scholarships to students who participate in a pro-**
14 **gram established under this section.**

15 **“(c) Providing for wraparound supports, based on demonstrated**
16 **need, for students who participate in a program, including but not**
17 **limited to:**

18 **“(A) Technology resources;**

19 **“(B) Licensing or certification fees;**

20 **“(C) Course materials; and**

21 **“(D) Sponsored internships.**

22 **“(d) Collecting data and reporting measurable outcomes for the ac-**
23 **tivities supported through awarded grants.**

24 **“(4) When determining the amount of a grant to award to a local**
25 **workforce development board under this section, the authority shall**
26 **consider recommendations from a statewide organization that repres-**
27 **ents all of the workforce development boards that are governed under**
28 **ORS 660.300 to ORS 660.420.**

29 **“(5) The authority shall require recipients of grants under this**
30 **section to report annually to the authority on the progress of the**

1 **programs funded by the grants.**

2 **“SECTION 2. The organization described under section 1 (4) of this**
3 **2025 Act shall provide grant award recommendations to the Oregon**
4 **Health Authority not later than 30 days following the effective date**
5 **of this 2025 Act.”.**

6 In line 9, delete “2” and insert “3”.

7 In line 13, delete “3” and insert “4”.

8 In line 14, delete “4” and insert “5”.

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