

Senate Bill 133

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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**.

Directs Oregon Health Authority to develop training for frontline behavioral health providers.
Defines "frontline behavioral health providers."
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to behavioral health care; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 414.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "frontline behavioral health provider" means a behavioral health clinician, a qualified mental health associate or a qualified mental health professional.

(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall adopt by rule minimum training standards for frontline behavioral health providers and shall establish procedures for testing frontline behavioral health providers on their mastery of the skills and knowledge to be acquired through the training.

(3) The authority shall provide training on the mandatory training topics established under this subsection and on any other training that the authority deems appropriate for the professionalization of frontline behavioral health providers. The training provided pursuant to this section may include, but is not limited to, training on the following topics:

(a) Safety and emergency measures.

(b) Understanding the requirements for providers paid with Medicaid funds.

(c) Providing person-centered care.

(d) Understanding how to support the physical and emotional needs of the individual who is receiving care.

(e) Other core competencies.

(4) The training provided in accordance with this section must be geographically accessible in all areas of this state and culturally appropriate for frontline behavioral health providers of all language abilities.

(5) In developing the training provided under this section, the authority shall:

(a) Consider the needs of the frontline behavioral health providers; and

(b) Strive to align the training with the training requirements for other behavioral health care providers.

(6) The authority shall consult with relevant stakeholders, including state agencies, unions representing frontline behavioral health providers and others in the adoption of rules

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 to carry out this section.

2 **SECTION 3. The Oregon Health Authority shall maximize all sources of federal funding**
3 **that is available to pay for the training described in section 2 of this 2019 Act.**

4 **SECTION 4. Section 3 of this 2019 Act is repealed on December 31, 2020.**

5 **SECTION 5. (1) Section 2 of this 2019 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2020.**

6 **(2) The Oregon Health Authority may take any action before the operative date specified**
7 **in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the authority to exercise, on and**
8 **after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions**
9 **and powers conferred on the authority by section 2 of this 2019 Act.**

10 **SECTION 6. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
11 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect**
12 **on its passage.**

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