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 school districts to provide age-appropriate instruction in oral health as part of health education curriculum.

Directs Oregon Health Authority to establish and maintain Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program to support school-based oral health programs.

Requires Oregon Health Authority to accept claims for reimbursement of costs related to care coordination surrounding school-based oral health services.

 Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT
Relating to oral health in schools; and declaring an emergency.

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

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO ORAL HEALTH

SECTION 1. As an integral part of the health education curriculum for students in kindergarten through grade 12, each school district must provide age-appropriate instruction in oral health.

SECTION 2. (1) Section 1 of this 2020 Act becomes operative on July 1, 2025.

(2) (a) Notwithstanding the operative date set forth in subsection (1) of this section, the State Board of Education, no later than September 1, 2024, shall adopt any health education content standards necessary to enable school district compliance with the requirements of section 1 of this 2020 Act.

(b) For the purpose of adopting health education content standards as provided by paragraph (a) of this subsection, the board shall consult with:

(A) Dental health professionals who have experience working in public health and with children; and

(B) The dental director appointed by the Oregon Health Authority, or the director's designee.

(3) (a) A school district must first offer instruction that meets the health education content standards adopted under subsection (2) of this section no later than the 2025-2026 school year.

(b) Nothing in paragraph (a) of this subsection prevents a school district from first offering instruction that meets the requirements of section 1 of this 2020 Act at any time before the school year set forth in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

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.
COMMUNITY DENTAL HEALTH COORDINATOR PILOT PROGRAM

SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section, “community dental health coordinator” means a dental care team member who:

(a) Focuses on the prevention of dental disease;
(b) Uses community health worker skills to increase awareness of the importance of oral health;
(c) May provide oral health services, including sealants and dental screening services; and
(d) May refer patients to other dental health care providers and other licensed health care providers as necessary.

(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall establish and maintain a Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program to support school-based oral health programs through the deployment of community dental health coordinators.

(3) The pilot program must focus on the provision of school-based oral health care to students who are of ethnic or racial minorities and students who are English language learners, as defined in ORS 336.079.

(4) The pilot program shall place up to four community dental health coordinators throughout the state. The pilot program may place up to two community dental health coordinators in urban areas of this state and up to two community dental health coordinators in rural areas of this state. The community dental health coordinators may be based at nonprofit organizations, county health departments or local public health authorities, as defined in ORS 431.003.

(5) The Oregon Health Authority shall apply to the United States Health Resources and Services Administration for funding to support the pilot program. The authority may seek additional sources of funding as necessary from public and private entities and may accept gifts, grants and contributions for the purposes of carrying out the pilot program described in this section. Funds received under this subsection shall be deposited in the Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program Fund established under section 4 of this 2020 Act.

(6) The Oregon Health Authority may adopt rules as necessary to carry out this section.

SECTION 4. The Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program Fund shall be credited to the fund. The moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority for the purposes described in section 3 of this 2020 Act.

SECTION 5. Sections 3 and 4 of this 2020 Act are repealed on January 2, 2022.

SECTION 6. (1) Sections 3 and 4 of this 2020 Act become operative on January 1, 2021.

(2) The Oregon Health Authority may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the authority to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the authority by sections 3 and 4 of this 2020 Act.

SCHOOL-BASED ORAL HEALTH CARE COORDINATION
BY COORDINATED CARE ORGANIZATIONS
SECTION 7. (1) As used in this section:
   (a) “Coordinated care organization” has the meaning given that term in ORS 414.025.
   (b) “Global budget” has the meaning given that term in ORS 414.025.

   (2) The Oregon Health Authority may not reduce a global budget or deny reimbursement for the costs claimed by a coordinated care organization to provide care coordination or other social services relating to improving access for students to school-based oral health services.

CAPTIONS

SECTION 8. The unit captions used in this 2020 Act are provided only for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent in the enactment of this 2020 Act.

EMERGENCY CLAUSE

SECTION 9. This 2020 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2020 Act takes effect on its passage.