

House Bill 4143

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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**.

Requires Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services to study barriers to medication assisted treatment for substance use disorders, including addictions to opioids and opiates, and to report and make recommendations to Legislative Assembly not later than June 30, 2018. Sunsets January 2, 2019.

Directs Oregon Health Authority to implement pilot project to place peer recovery support mentors in emergency departments to support persons who suffer from opioid and opiate overdoses. Requires authority to report on pilot project to interim committee of Legislative Assembly not later than December 31 of each year. Sunsets January 2, 2021.

Requires practitioners to register with prescription monitoring program not later than July 1, 2018.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to drugs; creating new provisions; amending ORS 431A.855; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, in**
5 **consultation with the Oregon Health Authority, shall study:**

6 (a) Existing barriers to medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorders, in-
7 cluding addictions to opioids and opiates;

8 (b) The impact of coordinated care organizations and third-party payers on access to
9 substance use disorder treatment;

10 (c) Existing structures for reimbursement of substance use disorder treatment, including
11 the use of the least costly treatment option before any other treatment options;

12 (d) The treatment of substance use disorder as an acute illness rather than a chronic
13 illness;

14 (e) Access to medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorders in rural and
15 underserved areas of this state; and

16 (f) Substance use disorder treatment options other than medication-assisted treatment.

17 (2) The director shall submit the findings of the study described in subsection (1) of this
18 section in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, and shall include recommendations for leg-
19 islation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to public health not
20 later than June 30, 2018.

21 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2018 Act is repealed on January 2, 2019.**

22 **SECTION 3. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall establish a pilot project for the pur-**
23 **pose of determining the effectiveness of placing peer recovery support mentors in emergency**
24 **departments in this state to provide support to emergency department patients who suffer**
25 **from opioid and opiate overdoses.**

26 (2) The authority shall implement the pilot project in Coos, Jackson, Marion and

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 **Multnomah Counties.**

2 (3) **At least twice each year, the counties listed in subsection (2) of this section shall**
 3 **report to each other and the authority regarding the pilot project. The counties and the au-**
 4 **thority may jointly determine the form of the reporting required under this subsection.**

5 (4) **Not later than December 31 of each year, the authority shall submit a report on the**
 6 **efficacy and implementation of the pilot project described in this section in the manner**
 7 **provided in ORS 192.245, and may include any recommendations for legislation, to an interim**
 8 **legislative committee related to public health.**

9 (5) **The authority may adopt rules to carry out this section.**

10 **SECTION 4. There is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, out of the General**
 11 **Fund, the amount of \$2 million for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 3**
 12 **of this 2018 Act. This appropriation is available continuously until the earlier of either the**
 13 **date on which the amount is expended for the purpose specified in this section or January**
 14 **2, 2021.**

15 **SECTION 5. Section 3 of this 2018 Act is repealed on January 2, 2021.**

16 **SECTION 6. Section 7 of this 2018 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 431A.855 to**
 17 **431A.900.**

18 **SECTION 7. (1) In order to ensure compliance with best practices for prescribing opioids**
 19 **and opiates, a practitioner shall register with the prescription monitoring system established**
 20 **under ORS 431A.855.**

21 **(2) The Oregon Health Authority may adopt rules to administer this section.**

22 **SECTION 8. ORS 431A.855 is amended to read:**

23 431A.855. (1)(a) The Oregon Health Authority, in consultation with the Prescription Monitoring
 24 Program Advisory Commission, shall establish and maintain a prescription monitoring program for
 25 monitoring and reporting:

26 (A) Prescription drugs dispensed by pharmacies licensed by the State Board of Pharmacy that
 27 are classified in schedules II through IV under the federal Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. 811
 28 and 812, as modified by the board by rule under ORS 475.035; and

29 (B) Prescribed naloxone dispensed by pharmacies.

30 (b)(A) To fulfill the requirements of this subsection, the authority shall establish, maintain and
 31 operate an electronic system to monitor and report drugs described in paragraph (a) of this sub-
 32 section that are dispensed by prescription.

33 (B) The electronic system must operate and be accessible by practitioners and pharmacies 24
 34 hours a day, seven days a week, **and must include the functionality to allow practitioners to**
 35 **register as required under section 7 of this 2018 Act.**

36 (C) The authority may contract with a state agency or private entity to ensure the effective
 37 operation of the electronic system.

38 (2) In consultation with the commission, the authority shall adopt rules for the operation of the
 39 electronic prescription monitoring program established under subsection (1) of this section, including
 40 standards for:

41 (a) Reporting data;

42 (b) Providing maintenance, security and disclosure of data;

43 (c) Ensuring accuracy and completeness of data;

44 (d) Complying with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (P.L.
 45 104-191) and regulations adopted under that law, including 45 C.F.R. parts 160 and 164, federal al-

1 cohol and drug treatment confidentiality laws and regulations adopted under those laws, including
2 42 C.F.R. part 2, and state health and mental health confidentiality laws, including ORS 179.505,
3 192.517 and 192.553 to 192.581;

4 (e) Ensuring accurate identification of persons or entities requesting information from the da-
5 tabase;

6 (f) Accepting printed or nonelectronic reports from pharmacies that do not have the capability
7 to provide electronic reports; [and]

8 (g) Notifying a patient, before or when a drug classified in schedules II through IV is dispensed
9 to the patient, about the prescription monitoring program and the entry of the prescription in the
10 electronic system; **and**

11 **(h) Registering practitioners with the prescription monitoring program.**

12 (3) The authority shall submit an annual report to the commission regarding the prescription
13 monitoring program established under this section.

14 **SECTION 9. (1) Section 3 of this 2018 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2019.**

15 **(2) The Oregon Health Authority may take any action before the operative date specified**
16 **in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the authority to exercise, on and**
17 **after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions**
18 **and powers conferred on the authority by section 3 of this 2018 Act.**

19 **SECTION 10. (1) A practitioner shall register as required by section 7 of this 2018 Act**
20 **no later than July 1, 2018.**

21 **(2) Subsection (1) of this section applies to a person who is a practitioner on the effective**
22 **date of this 2018 Act.**

23 **SECTION 11. This 2018 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
24 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2018 Act takes effect**
25 **on its passage.**

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