



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments*

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Dental Hygienist Loan Repayment Program

Removes the provisions that would have created the Dental Hygienist Loan Repayment Advisory Board and instead requires the Dentist Loan Repayment Advisory Board to cooperate with the Department of Health in the administration of the Dental Hygienist Loan Repayment Program.

Removes the ratio of dental hygienists to the population in the dental health resource shortage area and the distance to dental hygienists outside the area from the factors that the Director of Health is to consider when establishing priorities among dental health resource shortage areas for recruitment purposes.

Requires the Director of Health to consult with the Ohio Dental Hygienists' Association on matters related to approving applicants for participation and removes the requirement that the Director of Health enter into discussions with the applicant to facilitate recruitment to a specific site.

Modifies the participation requirements by permitting a participant to provide services on a full-time or part-time basis and to count time spent supervising dental hygiene students.

Removes a provision that would have required that a participant agree to provide dental hygiene services without regard to a patient's ability to pay and to enter into a Medicaid provider agreement.

Requires the participation contract to specify the dental hygienist's service site, the required length of service, the number of weekly hours of service, the maximum amount of repayment to be received, and the extent to which teaching activities will be counted toward service.

* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.

Requires the Director of Health to consult with the Ohio Dental Hygienists' Association regarding the amount of repayment to be paid on behalf of a participant and limits the amount of state funds that may be used as repayment if the participant receives funds from the federal Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service.

Removes a provision that would have required the Department of Health to mail to each participating dental hygienist an annual statement showing the amount of repayment made on behalf of the dental hygienists in the preceding year.

Scope of practice when the supervising dentist is not physically present

Modifies in the following ways the provision that permits a dental hygienist employed by the supervising dentist or another specified entity to perform limited services while the supervising dentist is not present:

- (1) Adds the application of desensitizing agents to the list of services;
- (2) Specifies that the discussion of nutrition for the purpose of maintaining good oral health is limited to general nonmedical nutrition information;
- (3) Clarifies that the services may be performed regardless of whether a dentist has examined the patient.

Regarding a certified dental assistant's (CDA's) practice while the supervising dentist is not physically present if specified conditions are satisfied, permits a CDA to apply desensitizing agents and removes a reference to providing services in a health care facility.

Modifies the provisions regarding a CDA's and expanded function dental auxiliary's (EFDA's) scope of practice by authorizing them to provide instruction on oral hygiene home care rather than oral hygiene practices and removing authority to discuss nutrition for good oral health.

Specifies that a dental x-ray machine operator may perform radiologic procedures when the supervising dentist is not present only if the supervising dentist ordered the performance of the procedures.

Dental residency program report

Requires the State Dental Board to submit a report on the impact of permitting applicants for a license to practice dentistry to fulfill a licensing requirement by completing a dental residency program.

No-interest loans for dental equipment

Removes the provision that would have required JobsOhio to provide no-interest loans for the purchase of dental equipment to be used for underserved populations.

Technical changes

Makes technical and conforming changes.

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