

**As Introduced**

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**H. B. No. 916**

**Representative Baker**

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To enact section 3701.27 of the Revised Code to 1  
establish the Children's Dental Services Program 2  
and to make an appropriation. 3

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 3701.27 of the Revised Code be 4  
enacted to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 3701.27.** (A) Not later than July 1, 2027, the 6  
department of health shall establish and administer the 7  
children's dental services program. Under the program, dental 8  
care services, including screenings, treatment, and preventive 9  
care, may be provided to a child who meets the following 10  
conditions: 11

(1) The child resides in an underserved area as determined 12  
by the department. 13

(2) The child meets any other eligibility condition 14  
established by the department. 15

(B) The dental care services described in division (A) of 16  
this section may be provided by deploying mobile dental units to 17  
schools and underserved areas. 18

(C) In administering the program, the department shall 19

focus on increasing children's access to dental care and helping 20  
to reduce the incidence of dental caries among children. 21

(D) In enacting this section, it is the intent of the 22  
general assembly to appropriate sufficient funding to the 23  
department in order to support its administration of the 24  
program. 25

**Section 2.** All items in this act are hereby appropriated 26  
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 27  
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations 28  
made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 29  
2026 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2027. 30  
The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to 31  
any other operating appropriations made for these fiscal years. 32

**Section 3.** 33  
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A	DOH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH				
B	General Revenue Fund				
C	GRF	440497	Children's Dental Services	\$0	\$3,000,000
D	General Revenue Fund Total			\$0	\$3,000,000
E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$0	\$3,000,000

CHILDREN'S DENTAL SERVICES 35

The foregoing appropriation item 440497, Children's Dental 36  
Services, shall be used to support the provision of dental care 37

services as described in section 3701.27 of the Revised Code. 38

An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of 39  
appropriation item 440497, Children's Dental Services, at the 40  
end of fiscal year 2027 is hereby reappropriated to the same 41  
appropriation item for the same purpose in fiscal year 2028. 42

**Section 4.** Within the limits set forth in this act, the 43  
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 44  
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 45  
made in this act, and shall determine the manner in which 46  
appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from 47  
operating appropriations contained in this act shall be 48  
accounted for as though made in, and are subject to all 49  
applicable provisions of, H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly. 50