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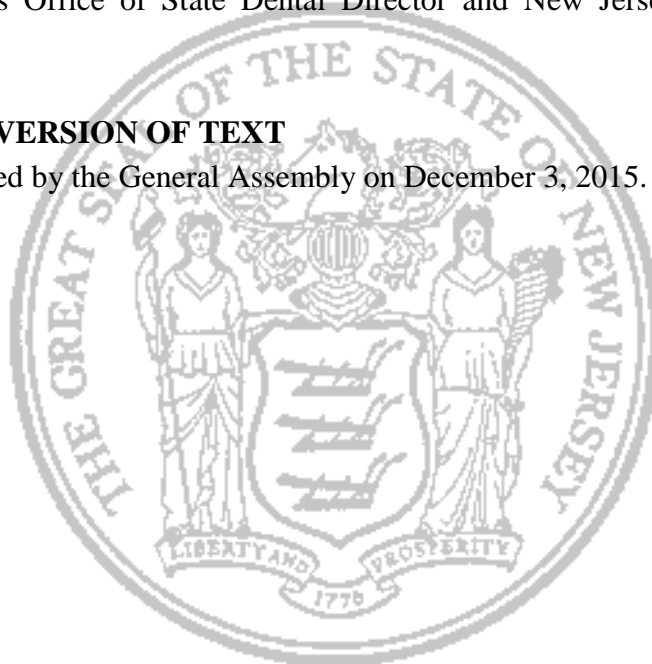
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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes Office of State Dental Director and New Jersey Oral Health Commission.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As amended by the General Assembly on December 3, 2015.



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1 AN ACT <sup>1</sup>[establishing the New Jersey Center for Oral Health and  
 2 supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes] concerning  
 3 oral health services, amending R.S.45:6-1, and supplementing Title  
 4 26 of the Revised Statutes<sup>1</sup>.

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 6 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
 7 *of New Jersey:*

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 9 1. <sup>1</sup>(New section)<sup>1</sup> There is established <sup>1</sup>[the New Jersey  
 10 Center for Oral Health at the Rutgers School of Dental Medicine]  
 11 within the Department of Health the Office of the State Dental  
 12 Director<sup>1</sup>. The <sup>1</sup>[Dean of the Rutgers School of Dental Medicine,  
 13 or the dean's designee, shall serve as the director of the center]  
 14 State Dental Director shall be appointed by the Governor in  
 15 consultation with the New Jersey Dental Association. The director  
 16 shall be a dentist or a dental hygienist licensed in New Jersey who  
 17 has practiced in the State for at least 10 years. The director may  
 18 serve in a volunteer or salaried capacity<sup>1</sup>.

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 20 2. <sup>1</sup>(New section)<sup>1</sup> a. The <sup>1</sup>[center] State Dental Director<sup>1</sup>  
 21 shall:

22 (1) Develop and facilitate <sup>1</sup>[model] models of<sup>1</sup> public and  
 23 private partnerships for oral health awareness campaigns to improve  
 24 the access, acceptability, and use of oral health services in this  
 25 State;

26 (2) Serve as an information and resource center for specific oral  
 27 health information and data concerning oral health and disseminate  
 28 such data to interested parties;

29 (3) In consultation with the <sup>1</sup>[Commissioners of Education,]  
 30 Commissioner of<sup>1</sup> Health <sup>1</sup>[, and Human Services]<sup>1</sup>, review,  
 31 recommend, and develop, or cause to be developed, appropriate oral  
 32 health education materials and disseminate the materials to local  
 33 school districts throughout the State;

34 (4) In collaboration with <sup>1</sup>[the Commissioners of Education and  
 35 Health and other] appropriate<sup>1</sup> State agencies and private  
 36 organizations, <sup>1</sup>[as necessary and appropriate,]<sup>1</sup> provide, or cause  
 37 to be provided, assistance to Early Head Start and Head Start  
 38 programs and local school districts to develop programs in Head  
 39 Start programs and elementary and secondary schools that stress  
 40 good nutrition, sound oral hygiene, and healthy lifestyles, as well as  
 41 the prevention of oral disease;

42 (5) Serve as an advocate for the adoption and implementation of  
 43 effective measures to improve the oral health of State residents and

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly floor amendments adopted December 3, 2015.

1 eliminate disparities among the various racial and ethnic  
2 populations of this State concerning access to high-quality oral  
3 health care, utilization of oral health care services, and oral health  
4 status;

5 (6) Develop recommendations for the most effective means of  
6 providing outreach to communities throughout the State to ensure  
7 their maximum participation in publicly-funded oral health  
8 programs; <sup>1</sup>and<sup>1</sup>

9 (7) <sup>1</sup>**Seek to establish a Statewide alliance with community-**  
10 **based agencies and organizations, health care facilities, oral health**  
11 **care provider organizations, and dental insurance companies to**  
12 **promote the objectives of the center; and**

13 (8) <sup>1</sup>**Evaluate oral health programs in other states to assess**  
14 **their efficacy and potential for replication in this State, and make**  
15 **recommendations regarding the adoption of such programs, as**  
16 **appropriate.**

17 b. The <sup>1</sup>**center** director<sup>1</sup> may apply for and accept any grant  
18 of money from the federal government, private foundations, or  
19 other sources, which may be available for programs related to oral  
20 health. <sup>1</sup>Monies may be used from private sources to pay for the  
21 salary of the director and to implement the recommendations of the  
22 director and the New Jersey Oral Health Commission established  
23 under section 3 of this act.<sup>1</sup>

24 c. <sup>1</sup>**In collaboration with appropriate departments of State**  
25 **government, the center may serve as the designated State agency for**  
26 **receipt of federal funds specifically designated for oral health**  
27 **programs]** The director shall be in charge of all dental health  
28 activities and programs that are in or are overseen by the  
29 Department of Health<sup>1</sup>.

30 d. The <sup>1</sup>**center** director<sup>1</sup> shall report annually to the Governor  
31 and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the  
32 Legislature, on the work of the <sup>1</sup>**center** director and the New  
33 Jersey Oral Health Commission<sup>1</sup> and <sup>1</sup>on<sup>1</sup> the status of oral health  
34 in the State.

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36 <sup>1</sup>3. (New section) a. There is established in the Department of  
37 Health the New Jersey Oral Health Commission, which shall  
38 develop and promote recommendations for policies, events, and  
39 awareness campaigns to improve the condition of oral health in this  
40 State.

41 b. The commission shall comprise 15 members, to be appointed  
42 as follows:

43 (1) The State Dental Director, who shall serve as chairperson of  
44 the commission;

45 (2) The Commissioners of Banking and Insurance, Children and  
46 Families, Education, and Human Services, or their designees, who  
47 shall serve ex officio; and

1       (3) 10 public members, who shall be appointed by the Governor  
2 as follows: one member upon the recommendation of the New  
3 Jersey Dental Association; one member upon the recommendation  
4 of the New Jersey Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatric  
5 Dentistry; one member upon the recommendation of the New Jersey  
6 Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; one member upon  
7 the recommendation of the Medical Society of New Jersey; one  
8 member upon the recommendation of the Rutgers School of Dental  
9 Medicine; one member upon the recommendation of the New Jersey  
10 Dental Hygienists' Association; one member upon the  
11 recommendation of the New Jersey Dental Assistants' Association;  
12 one member upon the recommendation of the Arc of New Jersey;  
13 and two members upon the recommendation of the New Jersey  
14 Association of Health Plans, one of whom shall represent Medicaid  
15 managed care organizations and one of whom shall represent the  
16 dental insurance industry.

17       c. The public members shall serve for a term of five years,  
18 except that, of the 10 public members first appointed, the first three  
19 members appointed shall serve for a term of three years, the second  
20 three members appointed shall serve for a term of four years, and  
21 the next four members appointed shall serve for a term of five  
22 years. A public member is eligible to be reappointed to the  
23 commission. A member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring in the  
24 membership of the commission for any reason other than the  
25 expiration of the term shall have a term of appointment for the  
26 unexpired term only. All vacancies shall be filled in the same  
27 manner as the original appointment.

28       d. The commission shall organize as soon as practicable  
29 following the appointment of its members. The chairperson shall  
30 appoint a secretary who need not be a member of the commission.

31       e. Members of the commission shall serve without  
32 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses  
33 incurred in the performance of their duties.

34       f. The commission shall meet at least twice per calendar year,  
35 and at such other times as the chairperson shall designate.

36       g. The Department of Health shall provide staff services and  
37 other necessary support to the commission. The commission may  
38 also request the assistance and services of the employees of any  
39 State, county, or municipal department, board, bureau, commission,  
40 task force, or agency as it may require and as may be available to it  
41 for its purposes.<sup>1</sup>

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43       <sup>1</sup>4. R.S.45:6-1 is amended to read:

44       45:6-1. The State Board of Registration and Examination in  
45 Dentistry in the Division of Professional Boards of the Department  
46 of Law and Public Safety, hereinafter in this chapter designated as  
47 the "board," created and established by an act entitled "An act to  
48 regulate the practice of dentistry in the State of New Jersey, and to

1 repeal certain acts now relating to the same," approved March 31,  
2 1915 (L.1915, c.146, p.261), as amended and supplemented, is  
3 continued, and shall hereafter be known and designated as the New  
4 Jersey State Board of Dentistry. Wherever in any law, rule,  
5 regulation, judicial or administrative proceeding or otherwise,  
6 reference is made to the State Board of Registration and  
7 Examination in Dentistry, the same shall mean and refer to the New  
8 Jersey State Board of Dentistry.

9 In addition to the State Dental Director or the director's  
10 designee, who shall serve ex officio, and two public members, the  
11 board shall consist of nine members, eight of whom shall have  
12 resided and practiced dentistry in this State for at least 10 years  
13 each immediately preceding their appointments and one of whom  
14 shall be a dental hygienist appointed by the Governor for a term of  
15 4 years. In appointing such dental hygienist, the Governor shall  
16 give due consideration to, but shall not be bound by, the  
17 recommendation of the New Jersey Dental Hygienists Association.  
18 Upon the expiration of the term of office of any member, **[his]** the  
19 member's successor shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to  
20 the provisions of section 45:1-2 of this Title, for a term of 4 years,  
21 except that the successors of the members whose terms will expire  
22 on June 4, 1949, shall be appointed each for a term expiring on  
23 August 31, 1952; the successors of the members whose terms will  
24 expire on November 9, 1949, and January 7, 1950, respectively,  
25 shall be appointed each for a term expiring on August 31, 1953; the  
26 successors of the members whose terms will expire on July 31,  
27 1950, and October 8, 1950, respectively, shall be appointed each for  
28 a term expiring on August 31, 1954; and the successors of the  
29 members whose terms will expire on July 30, 1951, and November  
30 4, 1951, respectively, shall be appointed each for a term expiring on  
31 August 31, 1955. Each member shall hold **[his]** office until **[his]**  
32 the member's successor is appointed and qualifies. Any vacancy in  
33 the membership of the board, occurring from any cause, shall be  
34 filled by the Governor for the unexpired term only. Upon cause  
35 being shown **[before him]**, the Governor may remove a member  
36 from office upon proven charges of inefficiency, incompetency,  
37 immorality, or professional misconduct.<sup>1</sup>

38 (cf: P.L.1979, c.46, s.22)

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40 <sup>1</sup>**[3.] 5.**<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect on the <sup>1</sup>**[60th] 90th**<sup>1</sup> day  
41 following enactment.