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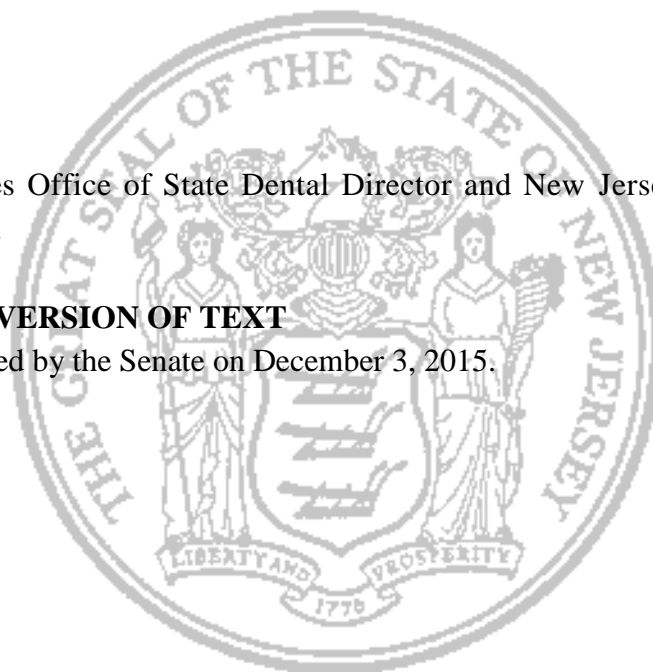
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**SYNOPSIS**

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

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As amended by the Senate on December 3, 2015.



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1 AN ACT <sup>2</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>2</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>2</sup>(New section)<sup>2</sup> There is established <sup>2</sup>[the New Jersey  
 10 Center for Oral Health at the <sup>1</sup>[New Jersey Dental School of the  
 11 University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey] Rutgers  
 12 School of Dental Medicine<sup>1</sup>] within the Department of Health the  
 13 Office of the State Dental Director<sup>2</sup>. The <sup>2</sup>[Dean of the <sup>1</sup>[New  
 14 Jersey Dental School] Rutgers School of Dental Medicine<sup>1</sup>, or the  
 15 dean's designee, shall serve as the director of the center] State  
 16 Dental Director shall be appointed by the Governor in consultation  
 17 with the New Jersey Dental Association. The director shall be a  
 18 dentist or a dental hygienist licensed in New Jersey who has  
 19 practiced in the State for at least 10 years. The director may serve  
 20 in a volunteer or salaried capacity<sup>2</sup>.

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

24 (1) Develop and facilitate <sup>2</sup>[model] models of<sup>2</sup> public and  
 25 private partnerships for oral health awareness campaigns to improve  
 26 the access, acceptability, and use of oral health services in this  
 27 State;

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

31 (3) In consultation with the <sup>2</sup>[Commissioners of Education,]  
 32 Commissioner of<sup>2</sup> Health <sup>1</sup>[and Senior Services]<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>[, and Human  
 33 Services]<sup>2</sup>, review, recommend, and develop, or cause to be  
 34 developed, appropriate oral health education materials and  
 35 disseminate the materials to local school districts throughout the  
 36 State;

37 (4) In collaboration with <sup>2</sup>[the Commissioners of Education and  
 38 Health <sup>1</sup>[and Senior Services]<sup>1</sup> and other] appropriate<sup>2</sup> State  
 39 agencies and private organizations, <sup>2</sup>[as necessary and  
 40 appropriate,]<sup>2</sup> provide, or cause to be provided, assistance to Early  
 41 Head Start and Head Start programs and local school districts to  
 42 develop programs in Head Start programs and elementary 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>Senate SHH committee amendments adopted March 17, 2014.

<sup>2</sup>Assembly floor amendments adopted December 3, 2015.

1 secondary schools that stress good nutrition, sound oral hygiene,  
2 and healthy lifestyles, as well as the prevention of oral disease;

3 (5) Serve as an advocate for the adoption and implementation of  
4 effective measures to improve the oral health of State residents and  
5 eliminate disparities among the various racial and ethnic  
6 populations of this State concerning access to high-quality oral  
7 health care, utilization of oral health care services, and oral health  
8 status;

9 (6) Develop recommendations for the most effective means of  
10 providing outreach to communities throughout the State to ensure  
11 their maximum participation in publicly-funded oral health  
12 programs; <sup>2</sup>and<sup>2</sup>

13 (7) <sup>2</sup>Seek to establish a Statewide alliance with community-  
14 based agencies and organizations, health care facilities, oral health  
15 care provider organizations, and dental insurance companies to  
16 promote the objectives of the center; and

17 (8) <sup>2</sup>Evaluate oral health programs in other states to assess  
18 their efficacy and potential for replication in this State, and make  
19 recommendations regarding the adoption of such programs, as  
20 appropriate.

21 b. The <sup>2</sup>center director<sup>2</sup> may apply for and accept any grant  
22 of money from the federal government, private foundations, or  
23 other sources, which may be available for programs related to oral  
24 health. <sup>2</sup>Monies may be used from private sources to pay for the  
25 salary of the director and to implement the recommendations of the  
26 director and the New Jersey Oral Health Commission established  
27 under section 3 of this act.<sup>2</sup>

28 c. <sup>2</sup>In collaboration with appropriate departments of State  
29 government, the center may serve as the designated State agency for  
30 receipt of federal funds specifically designated for oral health  
31 programs] The director shall be in charge of all dental health  
32 activities and programs that are in or overseen by the Department of  
33 Health<sup>2</sup>.

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

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40 <sup>2</sup>3. (New section) a. There is established in the Department of  
41 Health the New Jersey Oral Health Commission, which shall  
42 develop and promote recommendations for policies, events, and  
43 awareness campaigns to improve the condition of oral health in this  
44 State.

45 b. The commission shall comprise 15 members, to be appointed  
46 as follows:

- 1       (1) The State Dental Director, who shall serve as chairperson of  
2 the commission;
- 3       (2) The Commissioners of Banking and Insurance, Children and  
4 Families, Education, and Human Services, or their designees, who  
5 shall serve ex officio; and
- 6       (3) 10 public members, who shall be appointed by the Governor  
7 as follows: one member upon the recommendation of the New  
8 Jersey Dental Association; one member upon the recommendation  
9 of the New Jersey Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatric  
10 Dentistry; one member upon the recommendation of the New Jersey  
11 Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; one member upon  
12 the recommendation of the Medical Society of New Jersey; one  
13 member upon the recommendation of the Rutgers School of Dental  
14 Medicine; one member upon the recommendation of the New Jersey  
15 Dental Hygienists' Association; one member upon the  
16 recommendation of the New Jersey Dental Assistants' Association;  
17 one member upon the recommendation of the Arc of New Jersey;  
18 and two members upon the recommendation of the New Jersey  
19 Association of Health Plans, one of whom shall represent Medicaid  
20 managed care organizations and one of whom shall represent the  
21 dental insurance industry.
- 22       c. The public members shall serve for a term of five years,  
23 except that, of the 10 public members first appointed, the first three  
24 members appointed shall serve for a term of three years, the second  
25 three members appointed shall serve for a term of four years, and  
26 the next four members appointed shall serve for a term of five  
27 years. A public member is eligible to be reappointed to the  
28 commission. A member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring in the  
29 membership of the commission for any reason other than the  
30 expiration of the term shall have a term of appointment for the  
31 unexpired term only. All vacancies shall be filled in the same  
32 manner as the original appointment.
- 33       d. The commission shall organize as soon as practicable  
34 following the appointment of its members. The chairperson shall  
35 appoint a secretary who need not be a member of the commission.
- 36       e. Members of the commission shall serve without  
37 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses  
38 incurred in the performance of their duties.
- 39       f. The commission shall meet at least twice per calendar year,  
40 and at such other times as the chairperson shall designate.
- 41       g. The Department of Health shall provide staff services and  
42 other necessary support to the commission. The commission may  
43 also request the assistance and services of the employees of any  
44 State, county, or municipal department, board, bureau, commission,  
45 task force, or agency as it may require and as may be available to it  
46 for its purposes.<sup>2</sup>

1       <sup>2</sup>4. R.S.45:6-1 is amended to read:

2       45:6-1. The State Board of Registration and Examination in  
3 Dentistry in the Division of Professional Boards of the Department  
4 of Law and Public Safety, hereinafter in this chapter designated as  
5 the "board," created and established by an act entitled "An act to  
6 regulate the practice of dentistry in the State of New Jersey, and to  
7 repeal certain acts now relating to the same," approved March 31,  
8 1915 (L.1915, c.146, p.261), as amended and supplemented, is  
9 continued, and shall hereafter be known and designated as the New  
10 Jersey State Board of Dentistry. Wherever in any law, rule,  
11 regulation, judicial or administrative proceeding or otherwise,  
12 reference is made to the State Board of Registration and  
13 Examination in Dentistry, the same shall mean and refer to the New  
14 Jersey State Board of Dentistry.

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

44 (cf: P.L.1979, c.46, s.22)<sup>2</sup>

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46       <sup>2</sup>**[3.] 5.**<sup>2</sup> This act shall take effect on the <sup>2</sup>**[60th]** 90th<sup>2</sup> day  
47 following enactment.