
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY FEE, BENNINGHOFF, BERNSTINE, CAUSER, CORBIN,
DIGIROLAMO, PHILLIPS-HILL, HILL-EVANS, JAMES, B. O'NEILL,
RADER, WARD AND COX, OCTOBER 17, 2018

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, OCTOBER 17, 2018

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," in school health services, further
6 providing for dental examinations and dental hygiene
7 services.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 1403 of the act of March 10, 1949
11 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
12 amended to read:

13 Section 1403. Dental Examinations and Dental Hygiene
14 Services.--(a) All children of school age in the Commonwealth,
15 (i) upon original entry into the school, (ii) while in the third
16 grade, and (iii) while in the seventh grade, shall be given a
17 dental examination by a school dentist or public health dental
18 hygiene practitioner: Provided, however, That this requirement
19 shall not apply to those school districts or joint school boards
20 which have instituted a program of dental hygiene services as

1 provided in subsection (b) of this section.

2 (b) Any school district or joint school board may institute
3 a program of dental hygiene services for children of school age,
4 which program shall be approved by the Secretary of Health, and
5 for that purpose may employ dental hygienists.

6 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a school
7 district or joint school board may use a public health dental
8 hygiene practitioner to satisfy the requirements under this
9 section.

10 (d) As used in this section, "public health dental hygiene
11 practitioner" shall have the same meaning given to that term in
12 section 2 of the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.216, No.76), known as
13 "The Dental Law."

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.