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HOUSE DRH70494-SHz-22* (04/01)

Short Title: Comsn. on Children with Special Needs-Dentist. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Farmer-Butterfield, Pierce, Weiss, and England (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ADD A LICENSED DENTIST TO THE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN
3 WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH
4 CAROLINA STUDY COMMISSION ON AGING.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 143-682 reads as rewritten:

7 "§ 143-682. Commission established.

8 (a) There is established the Commission on Children With Special Health Care Needs.
9 The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide staff services and space for
10 Commission meetings. The purpose of the Commission is to monitor and evaluate the
11 availability and provision of health services to special needs children in this State, and to
12 monitor and evaluate services provided to special needs children under the Health Insurance
13 Program for Children established under Part 8 of Article 2 of Chapter 108A of the General
14 Statutes.

15 (b) The Commission shall consist of ~~eight~~nine members appointed by the Governor, as
16 follows:

- 17 (1) Two parents, not of the same family, each of whom has a special needs
18 child. In appointing parents, the Governor shall consider appointing one
19 parent of a child with chronic illness and one parent of a child with a
20 developmental disability or behavioral disorder.
- 21 (2) A licensed psychiatrist recommended by the North Carolina Psychiatric
22 ~~Association;~~Association.
- 23 (3) A licensed psychologist recommended by the North Carolina Psychological
24 ~~Association;~~Association.
- 25 (4) A licensed pediatrician whose practice includes services for special needs
26 children, recommended by the Pediatric Society of North ~~Carolina;~~Carolina.
- 27 (5) A representative of one of the children's hospitals in the State, recommended
28 by the Pediatric Society of North ~~Carolina;~~Carolina.
- 29 (6) A local public health director recommended by the Association of Local
30 Health ~~Directors;~~ and Directors.
- 31 (7) An educator providing education services to special needs children,
32 recommended by the North Carolina Council of Administrators of Special
33 Education.



- 1 (8) A licensed dentist who provides services to children with special needs,
2 recommended by the North Carolina Dental Society.
3 (c) The Governor shall appoint from among Commission members the person who
4 shall serve as chair of the Commission. Of the initial appointments, two shall serve one-year
5 terms, three shall serve two-year terms, and three shall serve three-year terms. Thereafter, terms
6 shall be for two years. Vacancies occurring before expiration of a term shall be filled from the
7 same appointment category in accordance with subsection (b) of this section."
8 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.