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HOUSE BILL 1029

Short Title: Dental Examination Pilot Program.

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Sponsors: Representatives Bowie; Insko, Jeffus, and Luebke.

Referred to: Human Resources, if favorable, Appropriations.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A DENTAL EXAMINATION PILOT PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Department of Health, Environment, and Natural Resources, in consultation with the Department of Public Instruction, shall establish a pilot program providing for mandatory dental examination of all children entering kindergarten in the public schools of counties participating in the pilot program. The dental examination under the pilot program shall be in addition to medical health assessments required by G.S. 130A-440. The dental examination shall include an oral examination, dental prophylaxis, application of topical fluoride to the teeth, placement of pit and fissure sealant on fully erupted permanent molars, and an analysis of the home drinking water for fluoride content. The pilot program shall be established in all counties that choose to participate, subject to the approval of the Department.

Section 2. The Department of Health, Environment, and Natural Resources shall report to the General Assembly by January 1, 1999, and annually thereafter, regarding the program's implementation and make recommendations on whether the dental examination program should be required statewide.

Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and expires on January 1, 2001.