



# SENATE BILL 580: Dental Practice Act Revisions/HIE Exemption.

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| <b>Committee:</b>     | House Health. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House | <b>Date:</b>        | May 23, 2022                    |
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| <b>Analysis of:</b>   | PCS to Second Edition<br>S580-CSBP-23  |                     |                                 |

**OVERVIEW:** *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) to Senate Bill 580 would: (1) allow procedures to be performed on an approved alternative method to satisfy the clinical examinations of dentistry applicants, (2) add requirements for dental applicants to receive a license by credentials by holding an Instructor's License, and (3) exempt dentists from the requirement to submit demographic and clinical data to the Health Information Exchange (HIE) Network known as NC HealthConnex.*

## **BILL ANALYSIS:**

### **Allow Alternative Method for Clinical Dental Examinations:**

**Section 1** of the PCS would allow the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners (Dental Board) to accept procedures performed on an approved alternative method, including manikins that simulate human subjects (instead of only on human subjects), to satisfy the assessment of restorative clinical competencies of dentistry applicants.

### **Add Requirements for Licensure by Credentials with Instructor's License:**

The Dental Board may issue a license by credentials to an applicant licensed to practice dentistry in any state or territory if the applicant meets certain criteria. **Section 2** of the PCS would add requirements to any applicant who applies for a license by credentials by holding a current Instructor's License as defined in G.S. 90-29.5. In the two years immediately preceding the date of application, the applicant would have to hold the Instructor's License for a minimum of two years and have been engaged in the teaching and practice of clinical dentistry for a minimum of 2,000 hours. Applicants applying for a license by credentials by holding an Instructor's License would have to satisfy other requirements of G.S. 90-36.

**Section 2** would allow the Dental Board to grant licenses to applicants who have a general dental degree and have graduated from an advanced dental education program from a school or college accredited by the United States Department of Education, instead of a school or college accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

### **Exempt Dentists from Mandatory HIE Network Connection and Data Submission:**

**Section 3** of the PCS would remove dentists from the list of providers who must connect to the HIE Network and submit demographic and clinical data pertaining to services rendered to Medicaid beneficiaries and to other State-funded health care program beneficiaries and paid for with Medicaid or other State-funded health care funds by January 1, 2023. This section would add dentists to the list of providers who are not required to connect to the HIE Network and may voluntarily submit data.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would be effective when it becomes law.

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