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SYNOPSIS
Establishes NJ Center for Oral Health at UMDNJ Dental School.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As reported by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on October 14, 2010, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/14/2010)
AN ACT establishing the New Jersey Center for Oral Health and supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. There is established the New Jersey Center for Oral Health at the New Jersey Dental School of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. The Dean of the New Jersey Dental School, or the dean’s designee, shall serve as the director of the center.

2. a. The center shall:
   (1) Develop and facilitate model public and private partnerships for oral health awareness campaigns to improve the access, acceptability and use of oral health services in this State;
   (2) Serve as an information and resource center for specific oral health information and data concerning oral health[^1] and become a clearinghouse for the collation and organization of such data on a county-by-county basis[^1] and disseminate such data to interested parties;
   (3) In consultation with the Commissioners of Education, Health and Senior Services, and Human Services, review, recommend, and develop[^1] or cause to be developed[^1] appropriate oral health education materials and disseminate the materials to local school districts throughout the State;
   (4) In collaboration with the Commissioner[^1] Commissioners[^1] of Education[^1] and Health and Senior Services and other State agencies and private organizations, as necessary and appropriate[^1], provide[^1] or cause to be provided[^1] assistance to Early Head Start and Head Start programs[^1] and local school districts to develop programs in their Head Start programs[^1] elementary and secondary schools that stress good nutrition, sound oral hygiene, and healthy lifestyles[^1], as well as the prevention of oral disease[^1];
   (5) Serve as an advocate for the adoption and implementation of effective measures to improve the oral health of State residents and eliminate disparities among the various racial and ethnic populations of this State concerning access to high-quality oral health care, utilization of oral health care services, and oral health status;
   (6) Host an annual oral health summit, bringing together interested organizations and groups to discuss relevant oral health topics and trends;

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:
^1Senate SHH committee amendments adopted October 14, 2010.
Develop recommendations for the most effective means of providing outreach to communities throughout the State to ensure their maximum participation in publicly-funded oral health programs;

Seek to establish a Statewide alliance with community-based agencies and organizations, health care facilities, oral health care provider organizations, and dental insurance companies to promote the objectives of the center; and

Evaluate oral health programs in other states to assess their efficacy and potential for replication in this State, and make recommendations regarding the adoption of such programs, as appropriate.

b. The center may apply for and accept any grant of money from the federal government, private foundations, or other sources, which may be available for programs related to oral health.

c. In collaboration with appropriate departments of State government, the center may serve as the designated State agency for receipt of federal funds specifically designated for oral health programs.

d. The center shall report annually to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature, on the work of the center and the status of oral health in the State.

3. This act shall take effect on the 60th day following enactment.