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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ADDRESS SOME OF NORTH CAROLINA'S PUBLIC HEALTH  
2 PROBLEMS IN SHORTAGES OF LICENSED DENTAL PERSONNEL IN  
3 RURAL AND LOW-INCOME AREAS BY DEVELOPING PATHWAYS FOR  
4 NORTH CAROLINA STATE LICENSING OF DENTISTS AND DENTAL  
5 HYGIENISTS WHO ARE ALREADY LICENSED IN OTHER STATES OR  
6 JURISDICTIONS THROUGH PROVIDING FOR REVIEW OF THE  
7 PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS AND OTHER RECORDS OF ACTIVITIES  
8 BY APPLICANTS AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO REQUIRING APPLICANTS TO  
9 SATISFACTORILY COMPLETE A LICENSING BOARD CLINICAL  
10 EXAMINATION; BY ESTABLISHING A LIMITED VOLUNTEER DENTAL  
11 LICENSE; BY IMPROVING REGULATORY PROVISIONS FOR DENTAL  
12 FACULTY AND STUDENTS; BY ENACTING OTHER LICENSING CHANGE  
13 BY DIRECTING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, IN  
14 COLLABORATION WITH THE STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS,  
15 TO STUDY AND DEVELOP PROCEDURES FOR INCREASING THE  
16 NUMBER OF DENTAL STUDENTS IN THE ENROLLING CLASS OF THE  
17 STATE SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY; AND BY DIRECTING THE BOARD OF  
18 GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO STUDY  
19 AND DEVELOP PROCEDURES FOR CREATING AN ADDITIONAL STATE  
20 DENTAL SCHOOL.

21 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

22 **SECTION 1.** In order to emphasize the necessity of attracting and educating  
23 more private sector dental personnel for our State, and utilizing them to help address  
24 dental public health problems in rural and low-income areas, Chapter 130A of the  
25 General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

26 **"§ 130A-367. Dental providers for problem access areas.**

27 The State's public health system cannot through its limited resources and personnel,  
28 provide and deliver all of the essential public health services that are needed by citizens  
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1 who cannot independently obtain them. One of the missions of the system, as expressed  
2 in G.S. 130A-1.1(6), is promoting the availability and accessibility of quality health care  
3 services through the private sector. The State's dental public health program shall  
4 encourage the expansion of current educational and training programs for more dentists,  
5 dental hygienists, and dental assistants targeted to serve citizens' unmet needs,  
6 particularly in the rural and low-income areas that have traditionally had problems in  
7 accessing dental care. The program shall also promote and encourage the recruitment of  
8 in-State and out-of-state private sector dental personnel to work in these dental health  
9 professional shortage areas."

10 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 90-36 reads as rewritten:

11 **"§ 90-36. Licensing practitioners of other states.**

12 ~~The North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners may, in its discretion, issue a~~  
13 ~~license to practice dentistry in this State without an examination other than clinical to a~~  
14 ~~legal and ethical practitioner of dentistry who moves into North Carolina from another~~  
15 ~~state or territory of the United States, whose standard of requirements is equal to that of~~  
16 ~~the State of North Carolina and in which such applicant has conducted a legal and~~  
17 ~~ethical practice of dentistry for at least five years, next preceding his or her removal and~~  
18 ~~who has not, during his period of practice, been found guilty by the state regulatory~~  
19 ~~agency charged with the responsibility therefor of the violation of the ethics of his~~  
20 ~~profession, nor found guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction of the violation of the~~  
21 ~~laws of the state which issued license to him or of the criminal laws of the United~~  
22 ~~States, nor whose license to practice dentistry has been revoked or suspended by a duly~~  
23 ~~constituted authority.~~

24 ~~Application for license to be issued under the provisions of this section shall be~~  
25 ~~accompanied by a certificate from the dental board or like board of the state from which~~  
26 ~~said applicant removed, certifying that the applicant is the legal holder of a license to~~  
27 ~~practice dentistry in that state, and for a period of five years immediately preceding the~~  
28 ~~application has engaged in the practice of dentistry; is of good moral character and that~~  
29 ~~during the period of his practice no charges have been filed with said board against the~~  
30 ~~applicant for the violation of the laws of the state or of the United States, or for the~~  
31 ~~violation of the ethics of the profession of dentistry.~~

32 ~~Application for a license under this section shall be made to the North Carolina State~~  
33 ~~Board of Dental Examiners within the six months of the date of the issuance of the~~  
34 ~~certificate hereinbefore required, and said certificate shall be accompanied by the~~  
35 ~~diploma or other evidence of the graduation from a reputable, recognized and approved~~  
36 ~~dental college, school or dental department of a college or university.~~

37 ~~Any license issued upon the application of any dentist from any other state or~~  
38 ~~territory shall be subject to all of the provisions of this Article with reference to the~~  
39 ~~license issued by the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners upon examination~~  
40 ~~of applicants and the rights and privileges to practice the profession of dentistry under~~  
41 ~~any license so issued shall be subject to the same duties, obligations, restrictions and the~~

1 ~~conditions as imposed by this Article on dentists originally examined by the North~~  
2 ~~Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners.~~

3 (a) The Board shall have the authority to issue a license by credentials to an  
4 applicant who has been licensed to practice dentistry in any state or territory of the  
5 United States if the applicant produces satisfactory evidence to the Board that he or she  
6 has the required education, training, and qualifications, is in good standing with the  
7 licensing jurisdiction, has passed satisfactory examinations of proficiency in the  
8 knowledge and practice of dentistry as determined by the Board, and meets all other  
9 requirements set forth herein and in the rules of the Board. The Board is authorized to  
10 conduct examinations and interviews to thoroughly test the qualifications of the  
11 applicant and may require additional information which would affect the applicant's  
12 ability to render competent dental care. The Board may, in its discretion, refuse to issue  
13 a license by credentials to an applicant who the Board determines is unfit to practice  
14 dentistry.

15 (b) The applicant for licensure by credentials shall be of good moral character  
16 and shall have graduated from and have a DDS or DMD degree from a program of  
17 dentistry in a school or college accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation  
18 of the American Dental Association and approved by the Board.

19 (c) The applicant shall:

- 20 (1) Have been in active practice as defined in G.S. 90-29(b)(1) through  
21 (b)(9) for a minimum of five years immediately preceding the date of  
22 application;  
23 (2) Have not been the subject of final or pending disciplinary action in any  
24 state or territory in which he or she is or has ever been licensed to  
25 practice dentistry or in any state or territory in which he or she has  
26 held any other professional license;  
27 (3) Present evidence that he or she has no felony convictions whatsoever,  
28 or any other criminal convictions which would affect his or her ability  
29 to render competent dental care; and  
30 (4) Have not failed an examination conducted by the North Carolina State  
31 Board of Dental Examiners.

32 (d) In addition to the above, the applicant for licensure by credentials shall  
33 submit an application, the form of which shall be determined by the Board, pay the fee  
34 required by G.S. 90-39, successfully complete tests in Jurisprudence and Sterilization  
35 and Infection Control, and meet the criteria or requirements established by the Board.

36 (e) Once a license is issued to an individual on the basis of credential review, the  
37 holder of the license shall establish a practice location and actively practice dentistry as  
38 defined in G.S. 90-29(b)(1) through (b)(9) in North Carolina within one year from the  
39 date the license is issued. Once practice is initiated in North Carolina, the license by  
40 credential shall automatically become void if the licensee fails to limit his or her  
41 practice to North Carolina, or ceases to actively practice dentistry in North Carolina.

1       (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 150B-21.1(a), the Board is authorized  
2 to adopt temporary rules to implement this section."

3               **SECTION 3.** Article 16 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes is amended by  
4 adding a new section to read:

5 **"§ 90-224.1. Licensure by credentials.**

6       (a) The Board shall have the authority to issue a license by credentials to an  
7 applicant who has been licensed to practice dental hygiene in any state or territory of the  
8 United States, if the applicant produces satisfactory evidence to the Board that he or she  
9 has the required education, training, and qualifications; is in good standing with the  
10 licensing jurisdiction; has passed satisfactory examinations of proficiency in the  
11 knowledge and practice of dental hygiene as determined by the Board; and meets all  
12 other requirements set forth herein and in the Rules of the Board. The Board may, in its  
13 discretion, refuse to issue a license by credentials to an applicant who the Board  
14 determines is unfit to practice dental hygiene.

15       (b) The applicant for licensure shall be of good moral character, have graduated  
16 from an accredited high school or hold a high school equivalency certificate duly issued  
17 by a governmental agency or authorized unit, and have satisfactorily completed dental  
18 hygiene education and training, as required by a United States state or territory  
19 controlled program, which has been approved by the Board.

20       (c) The applicant shall:

21               (1) Have been in active dental practice as defined in G.S. 90-221(a) and  
22 supervised by a licensed dentist for a minimum of two years  
23 immediately preceding the date of application;

24               (2) Have no history of disciplinary action or pending disciplinary action in  
25 the military, or in any state or territory in which he or she is or has ever  
26 been licensed;

27               (3) Have no felony convictions whatsoever or other criminal convictions  
28 which would affect his or her ability to render competent dental  
29 hygiene care; and

30               (4) Have not failed an examination conducted by the North Carolina State  
31 Board of Dental Examiners.

32       (d) In addition to the above, the applicant for licensure by credentials shall  
33 submit an application, the form of which shall be determined by the Board, pay the fee  
34 required by G.S. 90-232, successfully complete tests in Jurisprudence and Sterilization  
35 and Infection Control, and meet other criteria or requirements established by the Board,  
36 which may include, but shall not be limited to, an examination or interview before the  
37 Board or its authorized agents.

38       (e) This section shall not be construed to include licensure by reciprocity, which  
39 is prohibited.

40       (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 150B-21.1(a), the Board is authorized  
41 to adopt temporary rules to implement this section."

42               **SECTION 4.** G.S. 90-224 reads as rewritten:

1 **"§ 90-224. Licensure by Examination examination.**

2 (a) The applicant for licensure by examination ~~must~~ shall:

3 (1) ~~be~~ Be of good moral ~~character, character;~~

4 (2) ~~have~~ Be a graduated from graduate of an accredited high school or  
5 hold a high school equivalency certificate duly issued by a  
6 governmental agency or unit authorized to issue the ~~same, same;~~ and

7 (3) ~~be~~ Be either a graduate of a program of dental hygiene in a school or  
8 college approved by the ~~Board, Board~~ or have satisfactorily completed  
9 the dental hygiene education and training prescribed by the United  
10 States military service and have practiced dental hygiene in the  
11 military service for a minimum of five years and be in good standing  
12 with the military service as a dental hygienist.

13 (b) The Board ~~shall have the authority to~~ may establish in its rules and  
14 regulations:

15 (1) The form of application;

16 (2) The time and place of examination;

17 (3) The type of examination;

18 (4) The qualifications for passing the examination.

19 (c) All examinations administered under this section shall be substantially  
20 equivalent in content."

21 **SECTION 5.** In order to provide some relief from shortages of dentists to  
22 treat underserved low-income populations in this State, Article 2 of Chapter 90 of the  
23 General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

24 **"§ 90-37.1. Limited volunteer dental license.**

25 (a) The North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners may, under rules  
26 adopted by the Board in compliance with Chapter 150B of the General Statutes, issue to  
27 an applicant a special license to be entitled a 'Limited Volunteer Dental License' to  
28 practice dentistry only in nonprofit health care facilities serving low-income populations  
29 in the State. Holders of this limited volunteer license shall only be allowed to volunteer  
30 their professional services, without compensation, to help meet the dental health needs  
31 of these disadvantaged persons. The Board may issue a limited license to an applicant  
32 under this section who:

33 (1) Has an out-of-state current or expired license, or an expired license in  
34 this State, or is authorized to treat veterans or personnel enlisted in the  
35 United States armed services; and

36 (2) Has actively practiced dentistry within the past five years.

37 (b) Such limited license may be issued to an applicant who produces satisfactory  
38 evidence to the Board that he or she has the required education, training, and  
39 qualifications; is in good standing with the licensing jurisdiction; has passed satisfactory  
40 examinations of proficiency in the knowledge and practice of dentistry as determined by  
41 the Board; and meets all other requirements set forth herein and in the rules of the  
42 Board. The Board is authorized to conduct examinations and interviews to thoroughly

1 test the qualifications of the applicant and may require additional information that  
2 would affect the applicant's ability to render competent dental care. The Board may, in  
3 its discretion, refuse to issue a 'Limited Volunteer Dental License' to an applicant who  
4 the Board determines is unfit to practice dentistry.

5 (c) The applicant shall be of good moral character and shall have graduated from  
6 and have a DDS or DMD degree from a program of dentistry in a school or college  
7 accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental  
8 Association and approved by the Board.

9 (d) The applicant shall:

10 (1) Show that he or she has actively practiced dentistry as defined in G.S.  
11 90-29(b)(1) through (b)(9) for a minimum of five years;

12 (2) Show that he or she has not been the subject of final or pending  
13 disciplinary action in any state in which he or she has ever been  
14 licensed to practice dentistry or in any state in which he or she has held  
15 any other professional license;

16 (3) Present evidence that he or she has no felony convictions whatsoever,  
17 or any other criminal convictions which would affect his or her ability  
18 to render competent care;

19 (4) Present evidence that he or she has no pending Veterans  
20 Administration or military disciplinary actions or any history of such  
21 disciplinary action; and

22 (5) Show that he or she has not failed an examination conducted by the  
23 North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners.

24 (e) In addition to the above, the applicant shall submit an application, the form of  
25 which shall be determined by the Board, pay the fee required under G.S. 90-39, and  
26 successfully complete tests in Jurisprudence and Sterilization and Infection Control. The  
27 Board is authorized to charge and collect fees for license application and annual renewal  
28 as required under G.S. 90-39; however, credentialing fees that might have been  
29 applicable under G.S. 90-39(13) are waived, as an incentive for practitioners to  
30 volunteer.

31 (f) Successful applicants shall comply with the continuing dental education  
32 requirements adopted by the Board, including CPR training.

33 (g) The holder of a limited license under this section who practices dentistry in a  
34 setting other than a nonprofit health care facility serving low-income populations shall  
35 be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor, with each day's violation constituting a separate  
36 offense, and upon conviction shall be punished in the discretion of the appropriate  
37 criminal court. Upon proof of such practice in unauthorized settings offered in the  
38 appropriate administrative law forum, the Board may suspend or revoke the limited  
39 license, in its discretion, after due notice. Furthermore, for violations of the dental  
40 practice act or its Rules as may be reasonably applicable to a limited license practice,  
41 the Board shall have the same authority to investigate and impose sanctions on limited  
42 license holders as it does for those holding an unlimited license. The Board shall

1 maintain a nonexclusive list of nonprofit health care facilities serving the dental health  
 2 needs of low-income populations in the State, and it shall consider approving other  
 3 facilities on an individual basis."

4 **SECTION 6.** G.S. 90-39 reads as rewritten:

5 "**§ 90-39. Fees.**

6 In order to provide the means of carrying out and enforcing the provisions of this  
 7 Article and the duties devolving upon the North Carolina State Board of Dental  
 8 Examiners, it is authorized to charge and collect fees established by its rules and  
 9 regulations not exceeding the following:

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|----|------|---|------------------------|
| 10 | (1)  | Each application for general dentistry examination.....                 | \$500.00               |
| 11 | (2)  | Each general dentistry license renewal, which fee shall be annually     |                        |
| 12 |      | fixed by the Board and not later than November 30 of each year it shall |                        |
| 13 |      | give written notice of the amount of the renewal fee to each dentist    |                        |
| 14 |      | licensed to practice in this State by mailing such notice to the last   |                        |
| 15 |      | address of record with the board of each such dentist .....             | 140.00                 |
| 16 | (2a) | Penalty for late renewal of any license or permit.....                  | 50.00                  |
| 17 | (3)  | Each provisional license.....   | 150.00                 |
| 18 | (4)  | Each intern permit or renewal thereof.....                              | 150.00                 |
| 19 | (5)  | Each certificate of license to a resident dentist desiring to change to |                        |
| 20 |      | another state or territory .....  | 30.00                  |
| 21 | (6)  | Repealed by Session Laws 1995, (Reg. Sess., 1996), c. 584, s. 1.        |                        |
| 22 | (7)  | Each license to resume the practice issued to a dentist who has retired |                        |
| 23 |      | from and returned to this State .....                                   | 300.00                 |
| 24 | (8)  | Each instructor's license or renewal thereof.....                       | 140.00                 |
| 25 | (9)  | With each renewal of a dentistry license, an annual fee to help fund    |                        |
| 26 |      | special peer review organizations for impaired dentists .....           | 50.00                  |
| 27 | (10) | Each duplicate of any license, permit, or certificate issued by the     |                        |
| 28 |      | Board .....   | 25.00                  |
| 29 | (11) | Each office inspection for general anesthesia and parenteral sedation   |                        |
| 30 |      | permits .....   | 350.00                 |
| 31 | (12) | Each general anesthesia and parenteral sedation permit application or   |                        |
| 32 |      | renewal of permit.....  | <del>50.00</del> 50.00 |
| 33 | (13) | <u>Each application for license by credentials</u> .....                | <u>2000.00</u>         |
| 34 | (14) | <u>Each application for limited volunteer dental license</u> .....      | <u>100.00</u>          |
| 35 | (15) | <u>Each limited volunteer dental license annual renewal</u> .....       | <u>25.00."</u>         |

36 **SECTION 7.** G.S. 90-232 reads as rewritten:

37 "**§ 90-232. Fees.**

38 In order to provide the means of carrying out and enforcing the provisions of this  
 39 Article and the duties devolving upon the North Carolina State Board of Dental  
 40 Examiners, it is authorized to charge and collect fees established by its rules and  
 41 regulations not exceeding the following:

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| 42 | (1) | Each applicant for examination..... | \$125.00 |
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- 1           (2) Each renewal certificate, which fee shall be annually fixed by the
- 2           Board and not later than November 30 of each year it shall give written
- 3           notice of the amount of the renewal fee to each dental hygienist
- 4           licensed to practice in this State by mailing such notice to the last
- 5           address of record with the Board of each such dental hygienist.. 60.00
- 6           (3) Each restoration of license ..... 60.00
- 7           (4) Each provisional license..... 60.00
- 8           (5) Each certificate of license to a resident dental hygienist desiring to
- 9           change to another state or territory..... 25.00
- 10          (6) Annual fee to be paid upon license renewal to assist in funding
- 11          programs for impaired dental hygienists..... 40.00: 40.00
- 12          (7) Each license by credentials..... 1000.00.

13 In no event may the annual fee imposed on dental hygienists to fund the impaired dental  
 14 hygienists program exceed the annual fee imposed on dentists to fund the impaired  
 15 dentist program. All fees shall be payable in advance to the Board and shall be disposed  
 16 of by the Board in the discharge of its duties under this Article."

17           **SECTION 8.** G.S. 90-29.5 reads as rewritten:

18           **"§ 90-29.5. Instructor's license.**

19           ~~The Board may issue an instructor's license to a person who is not otherwise licensed~~  
 20 ~~to practice dentistry in the State, but whom the Board finds to be qualified by~~  
 21 ~~professional training and experience and upon the same examination as that offered to~~  
 22 ~~licensed dentists in North Carolina plus an oral examination. An instructor's license will~~  
 23 ~~authorize him to teach and to practice dentistry in or on behalf of a dental school or~~  
 24 ~~college offering a doctoral degree in dentistry, operated and conducted in this State and~~  
 25 ~~approved by the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners, but only within the~~  
 26 ~~confines of the principal facility of the school or college and of any teaching hospital~~  
 27 ~~adjacent thereto. Application for an instructor's license shall be made in accordance with~~  
 28 ~~rules and regulations of the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners. A person~~  
 29 ~~holding an instructor's license shall have, within the scope of his authorized practice, all~~  
 30 ~~the duties and responsibilities of any dentist who has been licensed upon examination~~  
 31 ~~by the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners, and shall be subject to those~~  
 32 ~~various disciplinary measures and penalties set forth in G.S. 90-41 upon a determination~~  
 33 ~~by the Board that he has violated any of the terms or provisions of this Article. An~~  
 34 ~~instructor's license shall be subject to annual renewal by the North Carolina State Board~~  
 35 ~~of Dental Examiners, as provided in G.S. 90-31.~~

36           (a) The Board may issue an instructor's license to a person who is not otherwise  
 37 licensed to practice dentistry in the State, but whom the Board finds to meet the  
 38 following conditions:

- 39           (1) Is licensed to practice dentistry anywhere in the United States or in any
- 40           country, territory, or other recognized jurisdiction; and
- 41           (2) Has met or been approved under the credentialing standards of a dental
- 42           school or an academic medical center with which the person is to be

1 affiliated; such dental school or academic medical center shall be  
2 accredited by the American Dental Association's Commission on  
3 Accreditation or the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health  
4 Care Organizations.

5 (b) The holder of an instructor's license is authorized to teach and to practice  
6 dentistry:

7 (1) In or on behalf of a dental school or college offering a doctoral degree  
8 in dentistry operated and conducted in this State and approved by the  
9 North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners;

10 (2) In connection with an academic medical center; and

11 (3) At any teaching hospital adjacent to a dental school or an academic  
12 medical center.

13 (c) Application for an instructor's license shall be made in accordance with the  
14 rules and regulations of the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners. On or  
15 after January 1, 2002, all dentists previously practicing under G.S. 90-29(c)(3) shall be  
16 granted an instructor's license upon application to the Board and payment of the  
17 required fee. The holder of an instructor's license shall be subject to the provisions of  
18 this Article."

19 **SECTION 9.** G.S. 90-29(c)(3) reads as rewritten:

20 "(3) The teaching or practice of dentistry, in dental schools or colleges  
21 operated and conducted in this State and approved by the North  
22 Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners, by any person or persons  
23 licensed to practice dentistry anywhere in the United States or in any  
24 country, territory or other recognized ~~jurisdiction;~~jurisdiction until  
25 December 31, 2001. On or after January 1, 2002, all dentists  
26 previously practicing under G.S. 90-29(c)(3) shall be granted an  
27 instructor's license upon application to the Board and payment of the  
28 required fee."

29 **SECTION 10.** G.S. 90-41(f) reads as rewritten:

30 "(f) As used in this section the term "licensee" includes licensees, provisional  
31 licensees and holders of intern permits, and the term "license" includes license,  
32 provisional ~~license~~license, instructor's license, and intern permit."

33 **SECTION 11.** G.S. 90-29.4(1) reads as rewritten:

34 "(1) An intern permit shall be valid for no more than one year from the date  
35 of issue thereof; provided, however, that the Board may, in its  
36 discretion, renew such permit for not more than ~~three~~five additional  
37 one-year periods; and, provided, further, that no person shall be  
38 granted an intern permit or intern permits embracing or covering an  
39 aggregate time span of more than ~~48~~72 calendar months;"

40 **SECTION 12.** The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill shall study  
41 and develop procedures for increasing the University of North Carolina School of  
42 Dentistry's entering class to 100 students. The report shall include a timeline for

1 increasing the number of students of the entering class of the University of North  
2 Carolina to 100 and for the costs of expansion. In addition, the report shall include an  
3 analysis of the impact of this expansion on improving access to dental care in North  
4 Carolina.

5 Not later than May 1, 2002, the University shall report to the 2002 Regular  
6 Session of the 2001 General Assembly with a complete proposal and a timeline for  
7 increasing the number of students of the entering class of the University of North  
8 Carolina School of Dentistry to 100 students.

9 **SECTION 13.** The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina  
10 shall study the feasibility of establishing an additional State School of Dentistry. The  
11 report shall include an analysis of the feasibility of establishing an additional State  
12 School of Dentistry, including costs, possible locations for the new facility, and a  
13 proposed timeline for implementation. In addition, the report shall include an analysis  
14 of the impact of this expansion on improving access to dental care in North Carolina.

15 Not later than May 1, 2002, the Board of Governors shall report to the 2002  
16 Regular Session of the 2001 General Assembly with a feasibility analysis of  
17 establishing a new State Dental School.

18 **SECTION 14.** If any section of this act is declared to be unconstitutional,  
19 preempted, or otherwise invalid by the courts, except where a contrary intent is clearly  
20 indicated by the text of the section, it shall not affect the validity of the act as a whole or  
21 any part other than the section declared to be invalid, and any previous statutory law  
22 replaced or modified by the section declared invalid shall be reinstated as if the previous  
23 law had not been changed. If any part of a numbered section of this act is declared  
24 invalid, the whole section shall fail.

25 **SECTION 15.** Sections 1 through 11 of this act become effective January 1,  
26 2002. Sections 2 and 3 of this act shall expire and no longer have the force or effect of  
27 law at midnight on June 30, 2003. The remainder of this act is effective when it  
28 becomes law.