
SENATE BILL 6020

State of Washington

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By Senators Thibaudeau, Deccio and Costa

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1 AN ACT Relating to access to dental care; and creating a new
2 section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that access to
5 preventive and restorative oral health services by low-income children
6 is currently restricted by complex regulatory, financial, cultural, and
7 geographic barriers that have resulted in a large number of children
8 suffering unnecessarily from dental disease. The legislature also
9 finds that very early exposure to oral health care can reverse this
10 disease in many cases, thereby significantly reducing costs of
11 providing dental services to low-income populations.

12 It is the intent of the legislature to address the problem of poor
13 access to oral health care by providing for school-based sealant
14 programs through the endorsement of dental hygienists.

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