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Sponsor(s): Senators McAuliffe, Rossi and Kohl-Welles

Brief Description: Improving K-12 preparedness and performance through promoting better oral health.

**SB 6590 - DIGEST**

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Declares that measures such as oral health screenings and access to oral health disease prevention methods should be readily available to children in a variety of health care settings, including dental, medical clinic, and family physician settings. If prevention methods are employed, there will be substantial savings to the state's overburdened health care system.

Encourages the superintendent of public instruction, the department of health, and the department of social and health services to collectively and collaboratively develop a plan that promotes age appropriate oral health screenings and preventive services at age one and at age five, or before entering a public or private school setting. The departments may report to the legislature on their findings and recommendations.