

**CHAPTER 307**

**H.B. No. 1581**

An Act relating to the establishment of a dental care advisory committee to advise the Texas Health and Human Services Coordinating Council and to the abolition of the Texas Board of Health Dental Advisory Committee.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 131, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 131.0052 to read as follows:

*Sec. 131.0052. DENTAL CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The Dental Care Advisory Committee is established to advise the council on dental services. The council shall consult with the committee any time the council considers dental services.*

*(b) The governor shall appoint the committee. The governor shall appoint representatives of the dental profession who are familiar with the dental needs of low-income population groups and with the resources available and required for the care of low-income groups. The governor shall appoint:*

- (1) practicing and public health dentists;*
- (2) dental hygienists;*
- (3) consumers of dental services; and*
- (4) a representative of a Texas dental school.*

*(c) Members of the committee receive no compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses for each day they are engaged in an official meeting as authorized by the committee.*

*(d) In addition to the duties imposed on the committee by the council, the committee may:*

*(1) investigate dental service programs operated or funded by the state and make recommendations to the council regarding changes needed in the administration of those services that will result in the optimum use of funds for providing the best dental care possible to the citizens of the state;*

*(2) conduct studies of the dental care delivery system in the state for the purpose of advising the council on any procedures that may improve the coordination of public dental services and increase the effectiveness of the dental care delivery system throughout the state; and*

*(3) conduct studies relating to the supply and demand for dental services within the state and advise the council regarding anticipated dental education programs necessary to satisfy the dental care needs of citizens of the state.*

**SECTION 2.** Article 4418g-1, Revised Statutes, is repealed.

**SECTION 3.** This Act takes effect September 1, 1985.

**SECTION 4.** The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on April 30, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 15, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved: June 7, 1985

Effective: September 1, 1985