

1 S.235

2 Introduced by Senator Mullin

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; dental health; dentists

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize a

7 community dental health coordination pilot, ~~project and expand dental~~

8 ~~education in the classroom.~~

9 An act relating to improving the oral health of Vermonters

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. COMMUNITY DENTAL HEALTH COORDINATOR PILOT

12 (a) The Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the Vermont Oral

13 Health Coalition ~~and the Vermont State Dental Society~~; shall design a
Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot

14 Project for the purpose of increasing access to oral health care by using

15 community dental health coordinators ~~as members of dental teams~~ in regions

16 of the State designated by the Commissioner. The Commissioner shall submit

17 design recommendations for the Pilot Project to the House Committee on

18 Health Care and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare on or before

19 January 15, 2015.

1 (b) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Community dental health coordinator" means a dental assistant,
3 dental hygienist, or other trained dental professional certified by the
4 Commissioner of Health to provide educational services, preventive and

5 ~~limited palliative care~~therapeutic services, ~~and dental assessment~~care
6 coordination services in a variety of

7 settings under the supervision of a dentist licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A.

8 § 801.

9 ~~(2) "Palliative care services" means nonsurgical, reversible procedures~~
10 ~~used to alleviate pain and stabilize acute or emergent problems and may~~

11 ~~include:~~

12 ~~(A) placing temporary and sedative restorative material in~~

13 ~~unexcavated carious lesions and unprepared tooth fractures;~~

14 ~~(B) collecting and transmitting diagnostic data and images via a~~

15 ~~telemetric connection;~~

16 ~~(C) dispensing and applying medications on the specific order of a~~

17 ~~dentist; and~~

18 ~~(D) providing limited services for dental emergencies, in consultation~~

19 ~~with a supervising dentist.~~

20 (3) "Supervision" means authorization by a dentist of procedures for a

21 community dental health coordinator to use in ~~executing the dentist's~~

22 ~~treatment plan~~various community settings.

- 1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE1
- 2 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.