



# Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

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## Summary SR 61 PN 752

This resolution directs the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee (LB & FC) to study the status and any disparities found in dental care for Pennsylvanians with disabilities. The study shall, on a county by county basis, focus on issues of accessing and receiving dental care as well as the need for and availability of dental providers for children and adults with disabilities.

LB & FC shall examine the care in both community based and specialized settings. Further study shall be conducted concerning the availability of accessible offices and equipment and the use of deep sedation, anesthesia, conscious sedation and nitrous oxide for this population. LB & FC shall report on which services are Medicaid reimbursable and indicate which counties need additional dental care and support.

Recommendations shall be submitted to the Senate no later than November 30, 2014 regarding:

- Preserving quality dental service already in place
- Increasing Medicaid dental payments
- Modifying dental loan repayment programs
- Requiring private insurers to pay for anesthesia services
- Expanding the scope of practice for dental public health hygienists

### **Amendment A**

- Deletes the requirement for LB & FC to report on requiring private insurers to pay for anesthesia because this mandate was passed in Act 94 of 2012
- Changes the term "dental public health hygienist" to "public health dental hygiene practitioner" to reflect current statute.