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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2161

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Public Health and Welfare

Brief*

HB 2161, as amended, concerns the practice of dental hygienists. The bill authorizes the Kansas Dental Board to create two new permit categories for dental hygienists – an extended care permit and an extended care permit II.

A dental hygienist with an extended care permit may perform dental hygiene at a public school, accredited nonpublic school, and any head start program, with the consent of a parent or guardian; on persons who meet the requirements of Medicaid, HealthWave, or the federal free and reduced lunch program; at state correctional institutions, local health departments, or indigent health care clinics so long as:

- ! The dental hygienist has received an extended care permit specifying the dental hygienist has performed 1,800 hours of dental hygiene care or has been an instructor at an accredited dental hygiene program for four semesters during the three prior years;
- ! The dental hygienist shows proof of professional liability insurance;
- ! The dental hygienist is sponsored by a dentist licensed in Kansas, including a signed agreement stating the dentist shall monitor the activities of the dental hygienist;
- ! The tasks and procedures are limited to those appropriate to the practice of dental hygiene or other duties as delegated by the sponsoring dentist consistent with the act;

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org/klrd>