

**Senate File 479 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 479  
BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN  
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1164)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the performance of educational services by  
2 licensed dental hygienists.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 153.15, Code 2017, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **153.15 Dental hygienists — scope of term.**

4 A licensed dental hygienist may perform those services  
5 which are educational, therapeutic, and preventive in nature  
6 which attain or maintain optimal oral health as determined by  
7 the board and may include but are not necessarily limited to  
8 complete oral prophylaxis, application of preventive agents  
9 to oral structures, exposure and processing of radiographs,  
10 administration of medicaments prescribed by a licensed  
11 dentist, obtaining and preparing nonsurgical, clinical and  
12 oral diagnostic tests for interpretation by the dentist, and  
13 preparation of preliminary written records of oral conditions  
14 for interpretation by the dentist. Such services, except  
15 educational services, shall be performed under supervision of a  
16 licensed dentist and in a dental office, a public or private  
17 school, public health agencies, hospitals, and the armed  
18 forces, but nothing herein shall be construed to authorize  
19 a dental hygienist to practice dentistry. Educational  
20 services shall be limited to assessing the need for, planning,  
21 implementing, and evaluating oral health education programs  
22 for individual patients and community groups; and conducting  
23 workshops and in-service training sessions on dental health  
24 for nurses, school personnel, institutional staff, community  
25 groups, and other agencies providing consultation and technical  
26 assistance for promotional, preventive, and educational  
27 services.

28 EXPLANATION

29 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
30 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

31 This bill excepts educational services from the services  
32 a licensed dental hygienist is required to provide under  
33 supervision of a licensed dentist. The bill provides the  
34 specific activities that qualify as "educational services".