

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Clem, Conger, Harker, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Thompson, Weidner, Greenlick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/27, 4/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires State Board of Education adopt rules requiring public and private prekindergarten through grade 12 schools provide fluoride rinse to specified students and children after meals. Requires Department of Education (DOE) solicit dentists who provide dental services at no charge to students of low income families and to post names and contact information on DOE’s website. Deletes references to residential child care facilities.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of poor oral health on children
- Use of fluoride rinse and sealants
- Opt out option for parents

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Deletes references to residential child care facilities.

BACKGROUND: Dental caries (tooth decay) is a chronic, progressive, multi-factorial, infectious disease that can begin in early infancy. Dental caries and other oral diseases are highly related to socio-environmental determinants. Evidence suggests that fluoride is highly effective in reducing dental caries.

Fluoride mouth rinses are approved as a caries prevention agent by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Dental Association. School-based fluoride mouth rinse programs have been recognized by the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors as a best practice for community-based caries prevention.

House Bill 3082-A requires the State Board of Education adopt rules requiring prekindergarten through grade 12 schools provide fluoride rinse to specified students after meals.