

## SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 993

AN ACT

To amend chapter 332, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to Missouri dental board pilot projects.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 332, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 332.325, to read as follows:

332.325. 1. The Missouri dental board may collaborate with the department of health and senior services and the office of dental health within the department of health and senior services to approve pilot projects designed to examine new methods of extending care to medically underserved populations, as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 300e-1(7). These pilot projects may employ techniques or approaches to care that may necessitate a waiver of the requirements of this chapter and regulations promulgated thereunder; provided:

(1) The project plan has a clearly stated objective of serving a specific underserved population that warrants, in the opinion of a majority of the board, granting approval for a pilot project;

(2) The project has a finite start date and termination date;

(3) The project clearly defines the new techniques or approaches it intends to examine to determine if it results in an improvement in access or quality of care;

(4) The project plan identifies specific and limited locations and populations to participate in the pilot project;

(5) The project plan clearly establishes minimum guidelines and standards for the pilot project, including, but not limited to, provisions for protecting safety of participating patients;

(6) The project plan clearly defines the measurement criteria it will use to evaluate the outcomes of the pilot project on access and quality of care; and

(7) The project plan identifies reporting intervals to communicate interim and final outcomes to the board.

2. The board may promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2022, shall be invalid and void.

3. The provisions of this section shall expire on August 28, 2026. The board shall provide a final report on approved projects and related data or findings to the general assembly on or before December 31, 2025. The name, location, approval dates, and general description of an approved pilot project shall be deemed a public record under chapter 610.