

# SENATE BILL NO. 993

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR ESLINGER.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

## AN ACT

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

*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 underserved populations. 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;**

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

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

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

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

31           2. The board may promulgate rules and regulations to  
32 implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or  
33 portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section  
34 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in  
35 this section shall become effective only if it complies with  
36 and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and,  
37 if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter  
38 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with  
39 the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to  
40 delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule  
41 are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of  
42 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after  
43 August 28, 2022, shall be invalid and void.

44           3. The provisions of this section shall expire on  
45 August 28, 2026. The board shall provide a final report on  
46 approved projects and related data or findings to the  
47 general assembly on or before December 31, 2025. The name,  
48 location, approval dates, and general description of an

49 approved pilot project shall be deemed a public record under  
50 chapter 610.

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