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## A BILL

То	amend sections 4715.22, 4715.23, 4715.39, and	1
	4715.64 and to enact sections 4715.221, 4715.222,	2
	4715.223, 4715.224, 4715.225, 4715.226, 4715.227,	3
	4715.228, 4715.229, and 4715.2210 of the Revised	4
	Code to permit dental hygienists to enter into	5
	collaboration agreements with dentists.	6

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 4715.22, 4715.23, 4715.39, and	7
4715.64 be amended and sections 4715.221, 4715.222, 4715.223,	8
4715.224, 4715.225, 4715.226, 4715.227, 4715.228, 4715.229, and	9
4715.2210 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	10
Sec. 4715.22. (A) As This section applies only when a	11
licensed dental hygienist is not providing services under a	12
collaboration agreement entered into under section 4715.222 of the	13
Revised Code.	14
As used in this section, "health care facility" means either	15
of the following:	16
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(1) A hospital registered under section 3701.07 of the	17
Pavised Code:	1.8

(2) A "home" as defined in section 3721.01 of the Revised	19
Code.	20
(B) A licensed dental hygienist shall practice under the	21
supervision, order, control, and full responsibility of a dentist	22
licensed under this chapter. A dental hygienist may practice in a	23
dental office, public or private school, health care facility,	24
dispensary, or public institution. Except as provided in division	25
(C) or (D) of this section, a dental hygienist may not provide	26
dental hygiene services to a patient when the supervising dentist	27
is not physically present at the location where the dental	28
hygienist is practicing.	29
(C) A dental hygienist may provide, for not more than fifteen	30
consecutive business days, dental hygiene services to a patient	31
when the supervising dentist is not physically present at the	32
location at which the services are provided if all of the	33
following requirements are met:	34
(1) The dental hygienist has at least two years and a minimum	35
of three thousand hours of experience in the practice of dental	36
hygiene.	37
(2) The dental hygienist has successfully completed a course	38
approved by the state dental board in the identification and	39
prevention of potential medical emergencies.	40
(3) The dental hygienist complies with written protocols for	41
emergencies the supervising dentist establishes.	42
(4) The dental hygienist does not perform, while the	43
supervising dentist is absent from the location, procedures while	44
the patient is anesthetized, definitive root planing, definitive	45
subgingival curettage, or other procedures identified in rules the	46
state dental board adopts.	47
(5) The supervising dentist has evaluated the dental	48
hygienist's skills.	49

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(6) The supervising dentist examined the patient not more	50
than seven months prior to the date the dental hygienist provides	51
the dental hygiene services to the patient.	52
(7) The dental hygienist complies with written protocols or	53
written standing orders that the supervising dentist establishes.	54
(8) The supervising dentist completed and evaluated a medical	55
and dental history of the patient not more than one year prior to	56
the date the dental hygienist provides dental hygiene services to	57
the patient and, except when the dental hygiene services are	58
provided in a health care facility, the supervising dentist	59
determines that the patient is in a medically stable condition.	60
(9) If the dental hygiene services are provided in a health	61
care facility, a doctor of medicine and surgery or osteopathic	62
medicine and surgery who holds a current certificate issued under	63
Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code or a registered nurse licensed	64
under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code is present in the health	65
care facility when the services are provided.	66
(10) In advance of the appointment for dental hygiene	67
services, the patient is notified that the supervising dentist	68
will be absent from the location and that the dental hygienist	69
cannot diagnose the patient's dental health care status.	70
(11) The dental hygienist is employed by, or under contract	71
with, one of the following:	72
(a) The supervising dentist;	73
(b) A dentist licensed under this chapter who is one of the	74
following:	75
(i) The employer of the supervising dentist;	76
(ii) A shareholder in a professional association formed under	77
Chapter 1785. of the Revised Code of which the supervising dentist	78
is a shareholder;	79

(iii) A member or manager of a limited liability company	80
formed under Chapter 1705. of the Revised Code of which the	81
supervising dentist is a member or manager;	82
(iv) A shareholder in a corporation formed under division (B)	83
of section 1701.03 of the Revised Code of which the supervising	84
dentist is a shareholder;	85
(v) A partner or employee of a partnership or a limited	86
liability partnership formed under Chapter 1775. of the Revised	87
Code of which the supervising dentist is a partner or employee.	88
(c) A government entity that employs the dental hygienist to	89
provide dental hygiene services in a public school or in	90
connection with other programs the government entity administers.	91
(D) A dental hygienist may provide dental hygiene services to	92
a patient when the supervising dentist is not physically present	93
at the location at which the services are provided if the services	94
are provided as part of a dental hygiene program that is approved	95
by the state dental board and all of the following requirements	96
are met:	97
(1) The program is operated through a school district board	98
of education or the governing board of an educational service	99
center; the board of health of a city or general health district	100
or the authority having the duties of a board of health under	101
section 3709.05 of the Revised Code; a national, state, district,	102
or local dental association; or any other public or private entity	103
recognized by the state dental board.	104
(2) The supervising dentist is employed by or a volunteer	105
for, and the patients are referred by, the entity through which	106
the program is operated.	107
(3) The services are performed after examination and	108
diagnosis by the dentist and in accordance with the dentist's	109

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written treatment plan.

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(E) No person shall do either of the following:	111
(1) Practice dental hygiene in a manner that is separate or	112
otherwise independent from the dental practice of a supervising	113
dentist;	114
(2) Establish or maintain an office or practice that is	115
primarily devoted to the provision of dental hygiene services.	116
(F) The state dental board shall adopt rules under division	117
(C) of section 4715.03 of the Revised Code identifying procedures	118
a dental hygienist may not perform when practicing in the absence	119
of the supervising dentist pursuant to division (C) or (D) of this	120
section.	121
Sec. 4715.221. As used in this section and sections 4715.222	122
to 4715.2210 of the Revised Code:	123
(A) "Collaboration agreement" means an agreement entered into	124
by a dentist and a dental hygienist under section 4715.222 of the	125
Revised Code.	126
(B) "Dentist" means an individual licensed under this chapter	127
to practice dentistry.	128
(C) "Dental hygienist" means an individual licensed under	129
this chapter to practice as a dental hygienist.	130
(D) "Facility" means any of the following:	131
(1) A dental office;	132
(2) A "public school" or "nonpublic school" as defined in	133
section 3701.93 of the Revised Code;	134
(3) A "health care facility" as defined in section 4715.22 of	135
the Revised Code;	136
(4) A "home health agency" as defined in section 5101.61 of	137
the Revised Code;	138

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(5) A dispensary;	139
(6) A "state correctional institution" as defined in section	140
2967.01 of the Revised Code;	141
(7) A clinic or shelter financed with public or private	142
<u>funds;</u>	143
(8) A mobile dental unit;	144
(9) A community health fair;	145
(10) A comprehensive child development program that receives	146
funds distributed under the "Head Start Act," 95 Stat. 499 (1981),	147
42 U.S.C. 9831, as amended, and is licensed as a child day-care	148
<u>center;</u>	149
(11) A corporation, association, group, institution, society,	150
or other organization that is exempt from federal taxation under	151
section 501(c)(3) of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100	152
Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3), as amended, and serves	153
individuals who are uninsured or enrolled in the medicaid program	154
established under Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code or the	155
disability medical assistance program established under Chapter	156
5115. of the Revised Code;	157
(12) A special needs program;	158
(13) A residential facility licensed under section 5123.19 of	159
the Revised Code;	160
(14) Any other location specified by the state dental board	161
in rules adopted under section 4715.2210 of the Revised Code.	162
(E) "Patient" means an individual who receives dental hygiene	163
services at a facility, a student enrolled in the facility at	164
which the services are provided, or a resident of a facility at	165
which the services are provided.	166
(F) "Special needs program" means a program operated by any	167
of the following:	168

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(1) A school district board of education or the governing	169
board of an educational service center;	170
(2) The board of health of a city or general health district	171
or the authority having the duties of a board of health under	172
section 3709.05 of the Revised Code;	173
(3) A national, state, district, or local dental association.	174
Sec. 4715.222. (A) A dental hygienist who has provided the	175
evidence required by section 4715.223 of the Revised Code may	176
enter into a collaboration agreement with a dentist under which	177
the dentist authorizes all of the following:	178
(1) The dental hygienist to provide the services described in	179
section 4715.224 of the Revised Code to patients at any facility	180
without the dentist being physically present at the facility where	181
the services are provided;	182
(2) The dental hygienist to provide the services described in	183
section 4715.224 of the Revised Code to patients without prior	184
examination of the patients by the dentist or diagnosis or	185
treatment plans approved by the dentist, unless otherwise	186
specified in the collaboration agreement;	187
(3) The dental hygienist to work with dental assistants	188
certified by the dental assisting national board or the Ohio	189
commission on dental assistant certification who may perform only	190
the duties they are authorized to provide without the direct	191
supervision of a dentist.	192
(B) A collaboration agreement must meet the requirements of	193
section 4715.225 of the Revised Code.	194
Sec. 4715.223. Prior to entering into a collaboration	195
agreement, a dental hygienist shall do both of the following:	196
(A) Submit written evidence of all of the following to the	197

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dentist who is to be the collaborating dentist under the	198
agreement:	199
(1) The dental hygienist has at least two years and a minimum	200
of three thousand hours of experience in the practice of dental	201
hygiene.	202
(2) The dental hygienist has successfully completed a course	203
approved by the state dental board in the identification and	204
prevention of potential medical emergencies and infection control.	205
(3) The dental hygienist holds current certification to	206
perform basic life-support procedures as required under section	207
4715.251 of the Revised Code.	208
(4) The dental hygienist holds professional liability	209
insurance.	210
(B) Permit the dentist who is to be the collaborating dentist	211
under the agreement to personally observe the dental hygienist	212
provide to patients the services described in section 4715.224 of	213
the Revised Code.	214
Sec. 4715.224. A dental hygienist may provide the following	215
services to a patient under a collaboration agreement:	216
(A) Oral health promotion and disease prevention education,	217
including information gathering, screening, and assessment;	218
(B) Removal of calcareous deposits or accretions from the	219
crowns and roots of teeth;	220
(C) Sulcular placement of prescribed materials;	221
(D) Polishing of the clinical crowns of teeth, including	222
<u>restorations;</u>	223
(E) Standard diagnostic and radiological procedures for the	224
purpose of contributing to the provision of dental services;	225
(F) Fluoride applications;	226

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(G) Placement of sealants;	227
(H) Any other basic remediable intraoral dental task or	228
procedure designated by the state dental board in rules adopted	229
under section 4715.2210 of the Revised Code.	230
Sec. 4715.225. A collaboration agreement shall be in writing	231
and do all of the following at a minimum:	232
(A) Contain the following terms:	233
(1) A procedure the dental hygienist must follow in securing	234
the dentist's review of the patient's record and medical history	235
if the dental hygienist believes the patient's condition is	236
medically compromised;	237
(2) A procedure the dental hygienist must follow if the	238
dental hygienist believes the patient's condition presents an	239
<pre>emergency dental condition;</pre>	240
(3) Practice protocols for the dental hygienist to follow in	241
providing services to patients who are different ages and who	242
require different procedures, including recommended intervals for	243
the performance of dental hygiene services and a period of time in	244
which an examination by a dentist should occur;	245
(4) Specific protocols for the placement of pit and fissure	246
sealants and requirements for follow-up care to assure the	247
efficacy of the sealants after application;	248
(5) A procedure for creating and maintaining dental records	249
for patients that are treated by the dental hygienist. The	250
procedure must specify where the records are to be located.	251
(6) Services specified under section 4715.224 of the Revised	252
Code, if any, for which the dentist requires either or both of the	253
following:	254
(a) The patient be examined by the dentist prior to the	255

dental hygienist providing the services;	256
(b) The dentist to approve a patient-specific diagnosis or	257
treatment plan.	258
(7) The number of patient visits for dental hygiene services,	259
if any, that the dentist requires the dental hygienist to provide,	260
on an annual basis, to patients in special needs programs for a	261
charge determined according to the sliding fee scale established	262
by the state dental board in rules adopted under section 4715.2210	263
of the Revised Code.	264
(8) A statement that the dentist and dental hygienist agree	265
that the dental hygienist's provision of services under a	266
collaboration agreement is neither of the following:	267
(a) The practice of dental hygiene in a manner that is	268
separate or otherwise independent from the dental practice of a	269
<pre>collaborating dentist;</pre>	270
(b) The establishment or maintenance of an office or practice	271
that is primarily devoted to the provision of dental hygiene	272
services.	273
(B) Contain a blank copy of a consent to treatment form that	274
the dental hygienist can use for purposes of complying with the	275
requirement of section 4715.227 of the Revised Code;	276
(C) Be signed and dated by both the dentist and dental	277
hygienist.	278
Sec. 4715.226. (A) A copy of a collaboration agreement must	279
be maintained by the dentist and the dental hygienist who are	280
parties to the agreement. The dental hygienist shall ensure that	281
each facility where the dental hygienist provides services under a	282
collaboration agreement has a copy of the agreement that the	283
dental hygienist works under at that facility.	284
(B) Except as provided under division (C) of this section,	285

prior approval of a collaboration agreement by the state dental	286
board is not required before a dental hygienist provides services	287
under an agreement, but the dentist or dental hygienist who is a	288
party to the agreement must provide the board with a copy of the	289
agreement on the board's request.	290
(C) A dentist shall not at any one time be a party to more	291
than three collaboration agreements unless the state dental board	292
determines that the dentist meets the criteria, established by the	293
board in rules adopted under section 4715.2210 of the Revised	294
Code, to be a party to more than three agreements.	295
Sec. 4715.227. Before performing any services on a patient	296
under a collaboration agreement, a dental hygienist must provide	297
the patient or patient's representative with a consent to	298
treatment form and secure the signature or mark of the patient or	299
representative on it. The signature or mark may be provided	300
through reasonable accommodation, including the use of assistive	301
technology or augmentative devices.	302
The form must include a statement advising the patient that	303
the dental hygiene services provided are not a substitute for a	304
dental examination by a dentist, that a dentist will not be	305
present during the provision of dental hygiene services, and that	306
the dental hygienist cannot diagnose the patient's dental health	307
care status.	308
Sec. 4715.228. Following the provision of services to a	309
patient under a collaboration agreement, the dental hygienist	310
shall refer the patient to the dentist who is the collaborating	311
dentist under the agreement the dental hygienist is working under	312
at the facility where the patient was treated. The dental	313
hygienist shall give the patient or patient's representative a	314
completed referral form that lists the name, office address, and	315

(D) For purposes of division (C) of section 4715.226 of the

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are made to construct any dental restoration.

(C) The state dental board shall issue rules defining the

board authorizing the assistant to engage in the polishing	407
activities. The board shall issue the certificate if the	408
individual has successfully completed training in the polishing of	409
clinical crowns through a program accredited by the American	410
dental association commission on dental accreditation or	411
equivalent training approved by the board. The training shall	412
include courses in basic dental anatomy and infection control,	413
followed by a course in coronal polishing that includes didactic,	414
preclinical, and clinical training; any other training required by	415
the board; and a skills assessment that includes successful	416
completion of standardized testing. The board shall adopt rules	417
pursuant to division (A) of this section establishing standards	418
for approval of this training.	419
(C) A dental assistant may apply pit and fissure sealants if	420
all of the following requirements are met:	421
(1) A dentist evaluates the patient and designates the teeth	422
and surfaces that will benefit from the application of sealant on	423
the day the application is to be performed.	424
(2) The dental assistant is certified by the dental assisting	425
national board or the Ohio commission on dental assistant	426
certification.	427
(3) The dental assistant has successfully completed a course	428
in the application of sealants consisting of at least two hours of	429
didactic instruction and six hours of clinical instruction through	430
a program provided by an institution accredited by the American	431
dental association commission on dental accreditation or a program	432
provided by a sponsor of continuing education approved by the	433
board.	434
(4) The dentist supervising the assistant has observed the	435

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assistant successfully apply at least six sealants.

(5) The dentist supervising the assistant checks and approves

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the application of all sealants placed by the assistant before the	438
patient leaves the location where the sealant application	439
procedure is performed.	440
(D) Subject to this section and the applicable rules of the	441
board, licensed dentists may assign to dental assistants and other	442
qualified personnel dental procedures that do not require the	443
professional competence or skill of the licensed dentist, a dental	444
hygienist, or an expanded function dental auxiliary as this	445
section or the board by rule authorizes dental assistants and	446
other qualified personnel to perform. The performance of dental	447
procedures by dental assistants and other qualified personnel	448
shall be under direct supervision and full responsibility of the	449
licensed dentist.	450
(E) Nothing in this section shall be construed by rule of the	451
state dental board or otherwise to do the following:	452
(1) Authorize dental assistants or other qualified personnel	453
to engage in the practice of dental hygiene as defined by sections	454
4715.22 and 4715.23 of the Revised Code, to enter into a	455
collaboration agreement under section 4715.222 of the Revised	456
<u>Code</u> , or to perform the duties of a dental hygienist, including	457
the removal of calcarious deposits, dental cement, or accretions	458
on the crowns and roots of teeth other than as authorized pursuant	459
to this section;	460
(2) Authorize dental assistants or other qualified personnel	461
to engage in the practice of an expanded function dental auxiliary	462
as specified in section 4715.64 of the Revised Code or to perform	463
the duties of an expanded function dental auxiliary other than as	464
authorized pursuant to this section.	465
(3) Authorize the assignment of any of the following:	466
(a) Diagnosis;	467

(b) Treatment planning and prescription, including

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prescription for drugs and medicaments or authorization for	469
restorative, prosthodontic, or orthodontic appliances;	470
(c) Surgical procedures on hard or soft tissue of the oral	471
cavity, or any other intraoral procedure that contributes to or	472
results in an irremediable alteration of the oral anatomy;	473
(d) The making of final impressions from which casts are made	474
to construct any dental restoration.	475
(F) No dentist shall assign any dental assistant or other	476
individual acting in the capacity of qualified personnel to	477
perform any dental procedure that the assistant or other	478
individual is not authorized by this section or by board rule to	479
perform. No dental assistant or other individual acting in the	480
capacity of qualified personnel shall perform any dental procedure	481
other than in accordance with this section and any applicable	482
board rule or any dental procedure that the assistant or other	483
individual is not authorized by this section or by board rule to	484
perform.	485
Sec. 4715.64. (A) The practice of an expanded function dental	486
auxiliary shall consist of the following:	487
(1) The procedures involved in the placement of restorative	488
materials limited to amalgam restorative materials and	489
non-metallic nonmetallic restorative materials, including	490
direct-bonded restorative materials;	491
(2) The procedures involved in the placement of sealants;	492
(3) Any additional procedures authorized by the state dental	493
board in rules adopted under section 4715.66 of the Revised Code.	494
(B) An expanded function dental auxiliary shall practice	495
under the direct supervision, order, control, and full	496
responsibility of a dentist licensed under this chapter. At no	497
time shall more than two expanded function dental auxiliaries be	498

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practicing as expanded function dental auxiliaries under the	499
direct supervision of the same dentist. An expanded function	500
dental auxiliary shall not practice as an expanded function dental	501
auxiliary when the supervising dentist is not physically present	502
at the location where the expanded function dental auxiliary is	503
practicing.	504
(C) Nothing in this section shall be construed by rule of the	505
board or otherwise to authorize an expanded function dental	506
auxiliary to engage in the practice of dental hygiene as defined	507
by sections 4715.22 and 4715.23 of the Revised Code or to enter	508
into a collaboration agreement under section 4715.222 of the	509
Revised Code.	510
Section 2. That existing sections 4715.22, 4715.23, 4715.39,	511
and 4715.64 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.	512