

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2235**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Thurmond**

February 18, 2016

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An act to add Section 1601.4 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2235, as introduced, Thurmond. Board of Dentistry: pediatric anesthesia: committee.

The Dental Practice Act provides for the licensure and regulation of dentists by the Dental Board of California. That act authorizes a committee of the board to evaluate all suggestions or requests for regulatory changes related to the committee and to hold informational hearings in order to report and make appropriate recommendations to the board, after consultation with departmental legal counsel and the board's chief executive officer. The act requires a committee to include in any report regarding a proposed regulatory change, at a minimum, the specific language or the proposed change or changes and the reasons therefor, and any facts supporting the need for the change.

The act governs the use of general anesthesia, conscious sedation, and oral conscious sedation for pediatric and adult patients.

This bill would require the board, on or before March 31, 2017, to establish a committee to investigate whether the current laws, regulations, and policies of the state are sufficient to guard against unnecessary use of anesthesia for young patients and potential injury or death. The bill would require the committee, on or before December 1, 2017, to review all incident reports related to pediatric anesthesia in dentistry in the state for the years 2011 through 2016, inclusive, and to

review the policies of other states and dental associations to ensure that this state has regulation and policies in place to do everything feasible to protect young patients.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 1601.4 is added to the Business and  
2 Professions Code, to read:  
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4 a committee to investigate whether the current laws, regulations,  
5 and policies of the state are sufficient to guard against unnecessary  
6 use of anesthesia for young patients and potential injury or death.  
7 On or before December 1, 2017, the committee shall review all  
8 incident reports related to pediatric anesthesia in dentistry in the  
9 state for the years 2011 through 2016, inclusive, and shall review  
10 the policies of other states and dental associations to ensure that  
11 this state has regulation and policies in place to do everything  
12 feasible to protect young patients.