

Senate Bill No. 334

CHAPTER 64

An act to amend Section 51520 of the Education Code, relating to schools.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 334, Hughes. Schools: solicitations by licensed dentists.

Existing law prohibits teachers or others from soliciting pupils on school premises to subscribe to, contribute to, become a member of, or to work for, any organization not directly under the control of the school, except as specified.

This bill would, in addition, prohibit a licensed dentist that provides voluntary dental health screening programs for pupils on school premises from soliciting a pupil, or a pupil's parent or guardian, or encouraging, or advising treatment or consultation for the pupil by the licensed dentist, or any affiliate of the licensed dentist, for any condition discovered in the course of the dental health screening, except as specified. This bill would also state that it is the intent of the Legislature that no licensed dentist use voluntary dental health screening programs for the generation of referrals or for financial benefit.

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

SECTION 1. Section 51520 of the Education Code is amended to read:

51520. (a) During school hours, and within one hour before the time of opening and within one hour after the time of closing of school, pupils of the public school shall not be solicited on school premises by teachers or others to subscribe or contribute to the funds of, to become members of, or to work for, any organization not directly under the control of the school authorities, unless the organization is a nonpartisan, charitable organization organized for charitable purposes by an act of Congress or under the laws of the state, the purpose of the solicitation is nonpartisan and charitable, and the solicitation has been approved by the county board of education or by the governing board of the school district in which the school is located.

(b) A licensed dentist that provides voluntary dental health screening programs for pupils on school premises, shall not solicit a pupil, or the pupil's parent or guardian, or encourage, or advise

treatment or consultation for the pupil by the licensed dentist, or any entity in which the licensed dentist has a financial interest, for any condition discovered in the course of the dental health screening. It is the intent of the Legislature that no licensed dentist use voluntary dental health screening programs for the generation of referrals or for financial benefit. The Legislature does not intend to deny or limit freedom of choice in the selection of an appropriate dental provider for treatment or consultation.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the solicitation of pupils of the public school on school premises by pupils of that school for any otherwise lawful purpose.

