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SENATE BILL NO. 1475
AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health
on January 30, 2025)
(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Pillion)

A BILL to direct the Board of Dentistry to convene a work group to assess expedited pathways for licensure for dentists and dental hygienists.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *That the Virginia Board of Dentistry shall convene a work group of stakeholders including the Virginia Dental Association and the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association to assess expedited pathways for licensure for dentists and dental hygienists and make recommendations on modernizing licensure for the provision of essential preventative and restorative dental care. In conducting its work, the work group shall (i) review the licensure by credentialing statutes governing dentists and the licensure statutes governing dental hygienists and make recommendations on how such statutes can be updated to reflect an expedited pathway for licensure, giving consideration to recent regulatory changes with the licensure by endorsement pathway at the Board of Medicine, and (ii) study options for and make recommendations on a pathway for qualified internationally trained dentists to practice dental hygiene under the supervision of a licensed dentist. The work group shall report its recommendations to the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Education and Health and House Committee on Health and Human Services on or before November 30, 2025.*