



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1076

board of dental examiners; continuation

Purpose

Continues the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners (BODEX) for two years.

Background

BODEX is the regulatory body that oversees the licensing and practice of dental care in Arizona. BODEX's duties include: 1) adopting and enforcing rules to regulate the practice of dentists, supervised personnel and registered business entities; 2) maintaining a record of BODEX's acts and proceedings, including issuance, denial, renewal and suspension of licenses and complaints; 3) establishing a standard of educational requirements, as prescribed; 4) determining the reputability of dental, dental therapy and dental hygiene schools; 5) issuing licenses and restricted permits to eligible persons; 6) investigating misconduct charges of licensees and those with restricted permits; 7) issuing disciplinary action against licensees, certificate holders and restricted permittees; 8) establishing criteria for the renewal of permits relating to general anesthesia and sedation; and 9) any other duties necessary to enforce the regulation of the dental profession ([A.R.S. § 32-1207](#)).

BODEX consists of 11 members appointed by the Governor, including: 1) 6 licensed dentists; 2) 2 dental hygienists; 3) 2 public members; and 4) 1 business entity. Members are limited to two consecutive four-year terms. Before appointment, a prospective member of BODEX must submit a full set of fingerprints to the Governor to obtain a state and federal criminal records check ([A.R.S. § 32-1203](#)).

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee of Reference (COR) held a public meeting on January 12, 2023, to review and evaluate BODEX's response to the sunset review factors and receive public testimony. The COR recommended that BODEX be continued for six years ([COR Report](#)). BODEX terminates on July 1, 2023, unless continued by the Legislature ([A.R.S. § 41-3023.07](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Continues, retroactive to July 1, 2023, BODEX until July 1, 2025.
2. Repeals BODEX on January 1, 2026.
3. Contains a purpose statement.
4. Becomes effective on the general effective date, with a retroactive provision as noted.