

S 971

Dental Health Improvement Act

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Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (May 25, 2001)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]

Party: Republican • State: ME • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		May 25, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 25, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of May 25, 2001)

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Dental Health Improvement Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to award grants to States to help them develop innovative programs to address the dental workforce needs of designated dental health professional shortage areas in a manner appropriate to the State's individual needs. Defines "designated dental health professional shortage area" to mean an area, population group, or facility designated by the Secretary as a dental health professional shortage area or by a State as having a dental health manpower shortage.

Directs the Secretary to develop a plan for increasing participation of dentists and dental hygienists in the National Health Service Corps' scholarship and loan repayment programs. Revises scholarship and loan repayment program requirements to allow periods of obligated service (period of time that a recipient must serve in a health professional shortage area in order to receive a scholarship or loan) to be served and fulfilled on a part time basis if certain conditions are met.

Sets forth requirements with respect to the dental health professional shortage area designation process.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to exclude from the gross income of an individual certain amounts received under the National Health Service Corps Scholarship program, the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment program, or any similar State program.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 25, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 25, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5701-5703)
- **May 25, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.