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3 By Senator Gudger
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Board of Dental
9 Scholarship Awards operates the Alabama Dental
10 Service Program, through which loans are awarded to
11 qualified applicants enrolled in the University of
12 Alabama School of Dentistry or other educational
13 institution accredited by the Council on Dental
14 Education of the American Dental Association.

15 This bill would revise the name of the
16 accrediting organization from Council on Dental
17 Education to Commission on Dental Accreditation of
18 the American Dental Association.

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20 A BILL
21 TO BE ENTITLED
22 AN ACT

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24 To amend Section 16-47-78, Code of Alabama 1975,
25 relating to the Board of Dental Scholarship Awards and the
26 Alabama Dental Service Program; to revise the name of the
27 accrediting organization from Council on Dental Education to

1 Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental
2 Association.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. Section 16-47-78 of the Code of Alabama
5 1975, is amended to read as follows:

6 "§16-47-78.

7 "(a) The board shall establish four types of
8 scholarships as follows:

9 "(1) A number of loans equal to 20 percent of the
10 number of students enrolled in the University of Alabama
11 School of Dentistry, based on the economic need and scholastic
12 ability of the applicant, in an amount not to exceed the
13 annual tuition per annum or four times that amount over a
14 four-year period, shall be available to any bona fide resident
15 of Alabama of good character who has been accepted for
16 matriculation by the University of Alabama School of Dentistry
17 or any other educational institution accredited by the ~~Council~~
18 Commission on Dental Education Accreditation of the American
19 Dental Association. This section shall also apply to graduate
20 students at the discretion of the board.

21 "(2) A number of nonrefundable merit scholarship
22 awards equal in number to five percent of the number of
23 students enrolled in the University of Alabama School of
24 Dentistry, in an amount not to exceed the annual tuition per
25 annum or four times that amount over a four-year period, shall
26 be available to outstanding students, one fourth of which
27 shall be awarded each year to members of the entering class at

1 the University of Alabama School of Dentistry, who, in the
2 judgment of the board, have the highest scholastic achievement
3 in undergraduate studies, sufficient dental aptitude,
4 excellence of character, and other pertinent qualifications.

5 "(3) A number of loans or nonrefundable scholarships
6 for the Rural Dental Health Scholars Program established
7 pursuant to Section 16-47-76 and operated by the College of
8 Community Health Sciences at the University of Alabama and
9 supported by the University of Alabama School of Dentistry.

10 "(4) A number of scholarships and reimbursements for
11 expenses for dental students in the Rural Dental Scholars
12 Program established pursuant to Section 16-47-76.

13 "(b) Any appropriations made pursuant to Sections
14 16-47-76 through 16-47-81, or funds received by the Board of
15 Dental Scholarship Awards remaining at the end of any fiscal
16 year shall remain with the board and not revert to any other
17 fund. This section shall have retroactive effect to September
18 30, 2005.

19 "(c) (1) The board shall operate the Alabama Dental
20 Service Program, under which loans may be awarded by the board
21 to applicants of good character who are enrolled in the
22 University of Alabama School of Dentistry or any other
23 educational institution accredited by the ~~Council~~ Commission
24 on Dental ~~Education~~ Accreditation of the American Dental
25 Association, but only to applicants who have agreed in writing
26 to a contract as provided in subsection (d) of Section
27 16-47-79. Loans awarded under the program shall be based in

1 part on the economic need and scholastic ability of each
2 applicant. For applicants it approves to participate in the
3 program, the board may award each participant, for as many as
4 four years, an annual loan worth up to the annual cost of
5 in-state tuition and required fees at the University of
6 Alabama School of Dentistry.

7 "(2) The program shall be funded by direct
8 appropriation from the Education Trust Fund."

9 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
10 first day of the third month following its passage and
11 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.