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This letter is in response to HB455. I have been a school dental hygienist for over 30 years and find this legislation very questionable. A school dental hygienist has always had to have a bachelor degree and be certified by the Dept. of Education. This certification is important because of the teaching/education aspect of the position. This current legislation would allow a school dental hygienist who has only an associate degree, with no education background, provide education in the public schools. Act 48 hours would obviously not apply to these "educators" since they are not certified and would not be required to keep certificates current. Public schools are very strict about educators being certified, qualified, and able to teach. This current legislation would defeat the purpose of having dental hygienists in public schools since they would not be qualified to educate.

Please take this letter into consideration as an opposing view to the HB455.
Thank you, Michele Frear, R.D.H., M.Ed.