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SENATE BILL DRS35149-NHa-41

Short Title: Healthy Students - A Nurse in Every School.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Adcock, Hise, and Hanig (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO REQUIRE AT LEAST ONE SCHOOL NURSE IN EVERY SCHOOL IN A
PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIT BEGINNING IN THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR AND TO
APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO MEET THAT REQUIREMENT.

Whereas, the health, well-being, and educational success of public school students in
North Carolina are top priorities of the General Assembly; and

Whereas, employing school nurses has been shown to have a critical and positive
impact on the health, well-being, and educational success of public school students in
kindergarten through grade 12 due to services directed toward keeping students healthy, in class,
and ready to learn; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(70) To Provide at Least One School Nurse in Every School. – Local boards of
education shall ensure that each school within the local school administrative
unit is staffed by at least one full-time, permanent school nurse."

SECTION 1.(b) G.S. 115C-150.12C is amended by adding a new subdivision to
read:

"(37) To provide at least one school nurse in every school. – The board of trustees
shall ensure that each school is staffed by at least one full-time, permanent
school nurse."

SECTION 1.(c) G.S. 115C-218.75 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(p) At Least One School Nurse. – A charter school shall ensure that the school is staffed
by at least one full-time, permanent school nurse."

SECTION 1.(d) G.S. 115C-238.66 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(23) At least one school nurse required. – A regional school shall ensure that the
school is staffed by at least one full-time, permanent school nurse."

SECTION 1.(e) G.S. 116-239.8(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(26) At least one school nurse required. – A laboratory school shall ensure that the
school is staffed by at least one full-time, permanent school nurse."

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
Public Instruction for the 2025-2026 fiscal year the sum of ninety-five million dollars
(\$95,000,000) in recurring funds to increase the School Health Personnel Allotment. These funds
shall be used to increase positions for school nurses in order to provide at least one full-time,
permanent school nurse in every school in a public school unit.

SECTION 3. Funds provided pursuant to this act shall supplement and not supplant
any funds from any source already provided for school nurses.



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1 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2025. Section 1 of this act applies
2 beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.