## Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 67 of the 2nd Extraordinary Session

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9	For An Act To Be Entitled		
10	10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS O	OF THE ARKANSAS	
11	11 CODE RELATING TO SCHOOL NURSES;	AND FOR OTHER	
12	12 PURPOSES.		
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15	15 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVISION	IS OF THE	
16	16 ARKANSAS CODE RELATING TO SCH	IOOL NURSES.	
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19	19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE S	TATE OF ARKANSAS:	
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21	21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-704 ent	itled "School nurse.	
22	22 [Contingent expiration date.]" is repealed.		
23	23 6-18-704. School nurse. [Contingent expi	<del>ration date.]</del>	
24	24 <del>(a) In order to improve the health statu</del>	s and educational achievement	
25	25 of the children of this state, the General Ass	embly hereby determines that an	
26	26 appropriate school nurse-to-student ratio is n	eeded to effectively meet the	
	27 health care needs of these children.		
	28 (b) Beginning with the 1994-95 school ye		
	29 have no less than one (1) school nurse per one		
	30 (c) In districts having a high concentra	_	
	31 conditions as determined by the State Board of	•	
	32 nurses to students should be one (1) to four h	undred (400) in those schools	
	33 <del>so designated.</del>		
34	•	(d) In a district which provides a center for profoundly disabled	
35	,	urse per one hundred twenty-	
36	36 <del>five (125) students at that center.</del>		

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1 (e) School nurses may be employed or provided by contract or agreement with 2 other agencies or individuals provided that the prescribed ratio and equivalency are maintained. Provided, however, no school nurse may be 3 4 employed by, or contract with, any public secondary or elementary school of 5 this state except with the prior approval of the local school board. 6 (f) For purposes of this section, a "school nurse" shall mean the 7 equivalent of a licensed nurse engaging in school nursing activities. 8 9 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-18-704 entitled "School nurse. 10 [Contingent effective date.]" is repealed. 11 6-18-704. School nurse. [Contingent effective date.] 12 (a) In order to improve the health status and educational achievement 13 of the children of this state, the General Assembly hereby determines that an 14 appropriate school nurse to student ratio is essential to effectively meet 15 the health care needs of these children. (b) Beginning with the 1998-1999 school year, all school districts 16 17 shall have no less than the full-time equivalent of one (1) school nurse per 18 one thousand (1,000) students or the proportionate ratio thereof. 19 (c) School nurses may be employed or provided by contract or agreement 20 with other agencies or individuals provided that the prescribed ratio and 21 equivalency are maintained. Provided, however, no school nurse may be 22 employed by, or contract with, any public secondary or elementary school of 23 this state except with the prior approval of the local school board. 24 (d) For purposes of this section, a "school nurse" shall mean a 25 licensed nurse engaging in school nursing activities. 26 27 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 18, Subchapter 7, is amended 28 to add the following new section. 6-18-706. School nurse. 29 (a) In order to improve the health status and educational achievement 30 31 of the children of this state, the General Assembly hereby determines that an 32 appropriate school nurse-to-student ratio is essential to effectively meet 33 the health care needs of these children. (b) Beginning with the 2004-2005 school year, all school districts 34 35 shall have no less than the full-time equivalent of one (1) school nurse per

seven hundred and fifty (750) students or the proportionate ratio thereof.

I	(c) School nurses may be employed or provided by contract or agreement	
2	with other agencies or individuals provided that the prescribed ratio and	
3	equivalency are maintained. Provided, however, no school nurse may be	
4	employed by, or contract with, any public secondary or elementary school of	
5	this state except with the prior approval of the local school board.	
6	(d) In districts having a high concentration of children with	
7	disabling conditions as determined by the State Board of Education, the ratio	
8	of school nurses to students should be one (1) to four hundred (400) in those	
9	schools so designated.	
10	(e) In a district which provides a center for profoundly disabled	
11	students, the ratio should be one (1) school nurse per one hundred twenty-	
12	five (125) students at that center.	
13	(f) For purposes of this section, a "school nurse" shall mean a	
14	licensed nurse engaging in school nursing activities.	
15	(g)(1) The provisions of this section shall only be effective upon the	
16	availability of state funds.	
17	(2) Available funds shall be distributed to school districts	
18	based on the previous year's three-quarter average daily membership.	
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