

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Senator Bradford**
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 441

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SCHOOL NURSE TO STUDENT RATIO IN
9 THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THIS STATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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13 SECTION 1. PURPOSE. In order to improve the health status and
14 educational achievement of the children of this state, the General Assembly
15 hereby determines that an appropriate school nurse to student ratio is needed
16 to effectively meet the health care needs of these children.
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18 SECTION 2. For the purposes of this act, the term "school nurse" means
19 the equivalent of a licensed nurse engaging in school nursing activities.
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21 SECTION 3. (a) Beginning with the 1994-95 school year, all school
22 districts shall have no less than one (1) school nurse per one thousand
23 (1,000) students.

24 (b) In districts having a high concentration of children with
25 handicapping conditions as determined by the State Board of Education, the
26 ratio of school nurses to students shall be one (1) to four hundred (400).

27 (c) In a district which provides a center for profound handicapped
28 students, the ratio shall be one (1) school nurse per one hundred twenty-five
29 (125) students.

30 (d) School nurses may be employed or provided by contract or agreement
31 with other agencies or individuals provided that the prescribed ratio and
32 equivalency are maintained.
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34 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
35 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code

1 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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3 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
4 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
5 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
6 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
7 act are declared to be severable.

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9 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
10 hereby repealed.

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