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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1517

5 By: Representatives A. Mayberry, Bentley  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL NURSING; TO MODIFY THE  
9 REQUIREMENTS FOR A SCHOOL NURSE; AND FOR OTHER  
10 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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13 CONCERNING SCHOOL NURSING AND TO MODIFY  
14 THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SCHOOL NURSE.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 1, is amended  
21 to add an additional section to read as follows:

22 6-17-121. Evaluation of school nurses.

23 (a)(1) The nursing components of the annual evaluation of a nurse  
24 employed by or contracting with a public school district shall be based on a  
25 school nursing performance evaluation rubric developed and provided by the  
26 Department of Education in consultation with the Department of Health.

27 (2) The school nursing performance evaluation rubric developed  
28 under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall be incorporated into a public  
29 school district's standard evaluation form.

30 (b)(1) The nursing components of the annual evaluation required under  
31 subsection (a) of this section shall be conducted by a school nurse  
32 supervisor if a school nurse supervisor is employed by or contracting with  
33 the public school district.

34 (2)(A) A school nurse supervisor who is hired by or enters into  
35 a contract with a public school district on or after July 1, 2019, shall hold  
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1 as a registered nurse, an advanced practice registered nurse, or a registered  
 2 nurse practitioner.

3 (B) It is recommended that a school nurse supervisor who  
 4 is hired by or enters into a contract with a public school district on or  
 5 after July 1, 2019:

6 (i) Hold a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree or  
 7 its equivalent;

8 (ii) Have at least five (5) years' experience as a  
 9 licensed nurse with at least two (2) years' experience as a licensed  
 10 registered nurse;

11 (iii) Have at least three (3) years' experience as a  
 12 school nurse;

13 (iv) Have at least one (1) year's experience as a  
 14 supervisor of nurses; and

15 (v) Hold current certification in:

16 (a) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation;

17 (b) The use of an automated external  
 18 defibrillator;

19 (c) First aid; and

20 (d) Screening for scoliosis, hearing, vision,  
 21 and body mass index.

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 23 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-18-706(b), concerning school nurse  
 24 qualifications, is amended to read as follows:

25 (b)(1) For purposes of this section, "school nurse" means a licensed  
 26 nurse engaging in school nursing activities.

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