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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT SCHOOL NURSES HAVE ACCESS TO
9 APPROPRIATE *FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT* THAT ENABLE THEM
10 TO DO THEIR JOB; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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13 **Subtitle**

14 *TO ENSURE THAT SCHOOL NURSES HAVE ACCESS*
15 *TO APPROPRIATE FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT*
16 *THAT ENABLE THEM TO DO THEIR JOB.*
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 20, Subchapter 25, is
22 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 6-20-2517. Nursing center.

24 (a) Beginning in the 2017-2019 funding cycle for the Academic
25 Facilities Partnership Program, each new application for a new school
26 building or a major renovation to an existing school building that would
27 normally house a nursing office shall include a school nursing center.

28 (b) A nursing center shall meet minimum standards for infection
29 control and safe care including without limitation:

30 (1) A private office with a door;

31 (2) Heat and air conditioning;

32 (3) A telephone;

33 (4) A sink with hot and cold water;

34 (5) A handicap-accessible bathroom with a toilet;

35 (6) A locking filing cabinet;

36 (7) A double-locking medicine cabinet;



1 (8) A refrigerator for medications;
2 (9) A sharps container and system for the disposal of biohazard
3 waste;
4 (10) Personal protection equipment for each nurse including
5 gowns, masks, and gloves;
6 (11) Two (2) cots;
7 (12) A computer with Internet access;
8 (13)(A) An electronic health records system that is compliant
9 with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, and
10 the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-
11 191.

12 (B) The Department of Education may purchase appropriate
13 software that is accessible to a school district depending on the
14 availability of funding;

15 (14) First aid and assessment equipment;
16 (15) Storage cabinets for first aid and assessment equipment;
17 and
18 (16) A desk and office supplies.

19 (c) The project minimum required under § 6-20-2507(b)(1)(C) does not
20 apply to a construction project with a school nursing center.

21 (d) A school nursing center may be located in a portable classroom.

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23 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 20, Subchapter 25, is
24 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 6-20-2517. Public School Nurse Facility and Equipment Grant Pilot
26 Program.

27 (a) The Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and
28 Transportation shall develop by rule, and the Division of Arkansas Public
29 School Academic Facilities and Transportation shall administer, the Public
30 School Nurse Facility and Equipment Grant Pilot Program to provide state
31 financial assistance to eligible school districts for the purpose of
32 providing appropriate nursing facilities and equipment.

33 (b) The eligibility criteria developed by the commission shall include
34 without limitation:

35 (1) School district size, including declining enrollment or
36 enrollment growth;

1 (2) Current school district nursing facilities and equipment;

2 and

3 (3) School district resources.

4 (c) A school district applying to the division for a grant shall
5 provide the division with:

6 (1) The estimated cost of the project;

7 (2) The amount of school district resources available for the
8 project, if any;

9 (3) The school district fund balances;

10 (4) Efforts made by the school district to develop and provide
11 local resources; and

12 (5) How state financial participation, if granted, will support
13 the prudent and resourceful expenditure of state funds and will improve the
14 school districts ability to provide appropriate nursing facilities and
15 equipment.

16 (d) The pilot program shall expire on July 1, 2017.

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18 /s/J. Mayberry

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