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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1443

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## 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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## Subtitle

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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;

