

Fiscal Impact Statement

DATE	1/29/25
BILL	HB1242
SPONSOR	MAYBERRY
SUBTITLE	TO AMEND THE MECHANISM BY WHICH SCHOOL NURSES ARE COMPENSATED.

TOPIC

School District Employees

AFFECTED FUNDS

REVENUE IMPACT

5-7M statewide (district expense)

ASSUMPTIONS - BASED ON:

Based on FY25 Cycle 8 data generated from eFinance, there are 1,134 unique employees in the roll of school nurse. 615 full-time nurses have a salary of less than 50,000. The total cost to bring all full-time nurses to 50K would be 6.6M.

If all LPNs made a minimum salary of 40K and RNs made a minimum of 50K the total cost would be 4.9M.

ADE does not have data on which nurses hold at least a bachelor's degree, so the revenue impact is estimated between the calculations above.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Some school districts are in compliance with the requirements of this proposed policy. However, this policy may burden some school district with funding for school nurses. School districts in Arkansas cannot seek Medicaid reimbursement for nursing services rendered to students while at school.

Count of Individuals per Nursing License Type:
Nurse - RN: 879

Nurse - LPN: 251

Nurse-APN: 1

Nurse-CNP: 2

Nurse-RNP: 1