

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Representatives Flanagan, Mahony and McGinnis**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1681

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. (a) For purposes of this act, a "school nurse" shall mean
19 the equivalent of a licensed nurse engaging in school nursing activities.

20 (b) Beginning with the 1994-95 school year, all school districts *should*
21 have no less than one (1) school nurse per one thousand (1,000) students.

22 (c) In districts having a high concentration of children with
23 handicapping conditions as determined by the State Board of Education, the
24 ratio of school nurses to students *should* be one (1) to four hundred (400) *in*
25 *those schools so designated.*

26 (d) In a district which provides a center for profound handicapped
27 students, the ratio *should* be one (1) school nurse per one hundred twenty-five
28 (125) students *at that center.*

29 (e) School nurses may be employed or provided by contract or agreement
30 with other agencies or individuals provided that the prescribed ratio and
31 equivalency are maintained. *Provided, however, no school nurse may be*
32 *employed by, or contracted with, any public secondary or elementary school of*
33 *this State except with the prior approval of the local school board.*

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35 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature

1 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
2 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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10 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
11 hereby repealed.

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/s/P. Flanagan, et al

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