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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1957

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 6-18-704 TO ESTABLISH A
9 MANDATORY NURSE TO STUDENT RATIO IN ARKANSAS; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

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"TO ESTABLISH A MANDATORY NURSE TO
STUDENT RATIO IN ARKANSAS."

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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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18 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-704 is amended to read as follows:

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"6-18-704. School nurse.

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(a) In order to improve the health status and educational achievement
21 of the children of this state, the General Assembly hereby determines that an
22 appropriate school nurse-to-student ratio is essential to effectively meet
23 the health care needs of these children.

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(b) *Beginning with the 1996-97 school year:*

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(1) *All school districts having an average daily membership for*
26 *the previous school year of less than one thousand (1,000) students shall*
27 *have a school nurse for at least two (2) days each school week;*

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(2) *All school districts having an average daily membership for*
29 *the previous school year of at least one thousand (1,000) students but not*
30 *more than one thousand four hundred ninety-nine (1,499) shall have at least*
31 *one (1) full-time school nurse; and*

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(3) *All school districts having an average daily membership for*
33 *the previous school year of more than one thousand four hundred ninety-nine*
34 *(1,499) students shall have a full-time school nurse for the first fourteen*
35 *hundred ninety-nine (1,499) students and an additional school nurse for each*

1 *additional one thousand (1,000) students or portion thereof.*

2 (c) School nurses may be employed or provided by contract or agreement
3 with other agencies or individuals provided that the prescribed ratio and
4 equivalency are maintained. Provided, however, no school nurse may be
5 employed by, or contract with, any public secondary or elementary school of
6 this state except with the prior approval of the local school board.

7 (d) For purposes of this section, a school nurse shall mean a
8 licensed nurse engaging in school nursing activities."

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10 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature
11 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
12 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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14 SECTION 3. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to
15 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect
16 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
17 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this
18 act are declared to be severable.

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20 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
21 hereby repealed.

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23 */s/Rep. Flanagan, et al*

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