

1 State of Arkansas  
2 80th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 833

4 By: Senators Bradford and Smith

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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

12 "TO ESTABLISH A MANDATORY NURSE TO  
13 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:  
19 "6-18-704. School nurse.

20 (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.

24 (b) Beginning with the 1996-97 school year, all school districts shall  
25 have no less than one (1) school nurse per one thousand (1,000) students.

26 (c) In districts having a high concentration of children with  
27 disabling conditions as determined by the State Board of Education, the ratio  
28 of school nurses to students shall be one (1) to four hundred (400) in those  
29 schools so designated.

30 (d) In a district which provides a center for profoundly disabled  
31 students, the ratio shall be one (1) school nurse per one hundred twenty-five  
32 (125) students at that center.

33 (e) School nurses may be employed or provided by contract or agreement  
34 with other agencies or individuals provided that the prescribed ratio and  
35 equivalency are maintained. Provided, however, no school nurse may be

1 employed by, or contract with, any public secondary or elementary school of  
2 this state except with the prior approval of the local school board.

3 (f) For purposes of this section, a school nurse shall mean a  
4 licensed nurse engaging in school nursing activities."

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

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

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16 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
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