

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 86th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2007
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2307

5 By: Representative Kenney
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT IN CONCORDANCE WITH THE 2006 ACT 57 STUDY;
11 TO REQUIRE SCHOOL NURSES AS PROVIDED UNDER THE
12 RECALIBRATION OF THE PER STUDENT FOUNDATION
13 FUNDING BEGINNING WITH THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR;
14 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

16 AN ACT TO REQUIRE SCHOOL NURSES AS
17 PROVIDED UNDER THE RECALIBRATION OF THE
18 PER STUDENT FOUNDATION FUNDING BEGINNING
19 WITH THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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SECTION 1. ACT 57 COMPLIANCE.

25 The General Assembly declares this act to be in concordance with the
26 study of the state's system of public education conducted in 2006 by the
27 Adequacy Study Oversight Subcommittee, the Senate Interim Committee on
28 Education, and the House Interim Committee on Education in compliance with
29 Act 57 of the Second Extraordinary Session of 2003.
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32 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 6-18-706 is amended to read as follows:

33 6-18-706. School nurse.

34 (a) In order to improve the health status and educational achievement
35 of the children of this state, the General Assembly hereby determines that an
36 appropriate school nurse-to-student ratio is essential to effectively meet



1 the health care needs of these children.

2 (b) For purposes of this section, "school nurse" means a licensed
 3 nurse engaging in school nursing activities.

4 (c)(1) Beginning with the ~~2004-2005~~ 2007-2008 school year, all school
 5 districts shall have no fewer than the full-time equivalent of one (1) school
 6 nurse per seven hundred fifty (750) students or the proportionate ratio
 7 thereof.

8 (2) The General Assembly finds that:

9 (A) The foundation funding provided under § 6-20-2305(a)
 10 allocates two and one-half (2 1/2) full-time equivalent pupil support
 11 positions for a five-hundred-student school; and

12 (B) There is sufficient foundation funding from those
 13 pupil support positions for sixty-seven one-hundredths (.67) of a full-time
 14 equivalent school nurse position for a five-hundred-student school,
 15 identified by the General Assembly as being required for educational
 16 adequacy.

17 ~~(2)(3)~~ In districts having a high concentration of children with
 18 disabling conditions as determined by the State Board of Education, the ratio
 19 of school nurses to students should be one (1) to four hundred (400) in those
 20 schools so designated.

21 ~~(3)(4)~~ In a district which provides a center for profoundly
 22 disabled students, the ratio should be one (1) school nurse per one hundred
 23 twenty-five (125) students at that center.

24 (d)(1) School nurses may be employed or provided by contract or
 25 agreement with other agencies or individuals provided that the prescribed
 26 ratio and equivalency are maintained.

27 (2) However, no school nurse may be employed by, or contract
 28 with, any public secondary or elementary school of this state except with the
 29 prior approval of the local school board.

30 ~~(e)(1) The provisions of this section shall be effective only upon the~~
 31 ~~availability of state funds.~~

32 ~~(2) Available funds shall be distributed to school districts~~
 33 ~~based on the previous year's three quarter average daily membership.~~

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