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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1443

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT SCHOOL NURSES HAVE ACCESS TO  
9 APPROPRIATE FACILITIES THAT ENABLE THEM TO DO THEIR  
10 JOB; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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14 TO ENSURE THAT SCHOOL NURSES HAVE ACCESS  
15 TO APPROPRIATE FACILITIES THAT ENABLE  
16 THEM TO DO THEIR JOB.

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

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 20, Subchapter 25, is  
22 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 6-20-2517. Nursing center.

24 (a) Beginning in the 2017-2019 funding cycle for the Academic  
25 Facilities Partnership Program, each new application for a new school  
26 building or a major renovation to an existing school building that would  
27 normally house a nursing office shall include a school nursing center.

28 (b) A nursing center shall meet minimum standards for infection  
29 control and safe care including without limitation:

30 (1) A private office with a door;

31 (2) Heat and air conditioning;

32 (3) A telephone;

33 (4) A sink with hot and cold water;

34 (5) A handicap-accessible bathroom with a toilet;

35 (6) A locking filing cabinet;

36 (7) A double-locking medicine cabinet;



- 1           (8) A refrigerator for medications;
- 2           (9) A sharps container and system for the disposal of biohazard
- 3 waste;
- 4           (10) Personal protection equipment for each nurse including
- 5 gowns, masks, and gloves;
- 6           (11) Two (2) cots;
- 7           (12) A computer with Internet access;
- 8           (13) An electronic health records system that is compliant with
- 9 the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, and the
- 10 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-191;
- 11           (14) First aid and assessment equipment;
- 12           (15) Storage cabinets for first aid and assessment equipment;
- 13 and
- 14           (16) A desk and office supplies.
- 15       (c) The project minimum required under § 6-20-2507(b)(1)(C) does not
- 16 apply to a construction project with a school nursing center.
- 17       (d) A school nursing center may be located in a portable classroom.

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