1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H3/5/15	
2	90th General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2015		HOUSE BILL 1443
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5	By: Representative J. Mayberr	у	
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7	For An Act To Be Entitled		
8	AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT SCHOOL NURSES HAVE ACCESS TO		
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10	TO DO THEIR	R JOB; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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16	THAT	ENABLE THEM TO DO THEIR JOB.	
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19	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GR	ENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF	ARKANSAS:
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21	SECTION 1. Arkan	nsas Code Title 6, Chapter 20, S	ubchapter 25, is
22	amended to add an addit	tional section to read as follow	rs:
23	6-20-2517. Nursi	ing center.	
24	(a) Beginning in	n the 2017-2019 funding cycle fo	r the Academic
25	Facilities Partnership	Program, each new application f	or a new school
26	building or a major rer	novation to an existing school b	uilding that would
27	normally house a nursing	<u>ng office shall include a school</u>	nursing center.
28	(b) A nursing ce	<u>enter shall meet minimum standar</u>	ds for infection
29	control and safe care i	including without limitation:	
30	<u>(1) A priv</u>	vate office with a door;	
31	<u>(2) Heat a</u>	and air conditioning;	
32	<u>(3) A tele</u>	ephone;	
33	<u>(4) A sink</u>	k with hot and cold water;	
34	<u>(5) A hand</u>	dicap-accessible bathroom with a	toilet;
35	(6) A lock	king filing cabinet;	
36	(7) A doub	ble-locking medicine cabinet;	

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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)(A) An electronic health records system that is compliant		
9	with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, and		
10	the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-		
11	<u>191.</u>		
12	(B) The Department of Education may purchase appropriate		
13	software that is accessible to a school district depending on the		
14	availability of funding;		
15	(14) First aid and assessment equipment;		
16	(15) Storage cabinets for first aid and assessment equipment;		
17	<u>and</u>		
18	(16) A desk and office supplies.		
19	(c) The project minimum required under § 6-20-2507(b)(1)(C) does not		
20	apply to a construction project with a school nursing center.		
21	(d) A school nursing center may be located in a portable classroom.		
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23	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 20, Subchapter 25, is		
24	amended to add an additional section to read as follows:		
25	6-20-2517. Public School Nurse Facility and Equipment Grant Pilot		
26	Program.		
27	(a) The Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and		
28	Transportation shall develop by rule, and the Division of Arkansas Public		
29	School Academic Facilities and Transportation shall administer, the Public		
30	School Nurse Facility and Equipment Grant Pilot Program to provide state		
31	financial assistance to eligible school districts for the purpose of		
32	providing appropriate nursing facilities and equipment.		
33	(b) The eligibility criteria developed by the commission shall include		
34	without limitation:		
35	(1) School district size, including declining enrollment or		
36	enrollment growth:		

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1	(2) Current school district nursing facilities and equipment;			
2	<u>and</u>			
3	(3) School district resources.			
4	(c) A school district applying to the division for a grant shall			
5	provide the division with:			
6	(1) The estimated cost of the project;			
7	(2) The amount of school district resources available for the			
8	project, if any;			
9	(3) The school district fund balances;			
10	(4) Efforts made by the school district to develop and provide			
11	local resources; and			
12	(5) How state financial participation, if granted, will support			
13	the prudent and resourceful expenditure of state funds and will improve the			
14	school districts ability to provide appropriate nursing facilities and			
15	equipment.			
16	(d) The pilot program shall expire on July 1, 2017.			
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