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SENATE BILL DRS35193-NHa-97A

Short Title: Healthy Students - A Nurse in Every School. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Waddell, Batch, and Smith (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE AT LEAST ONE SCHOOL NURSE IN EVERY SCHOOL IN A
3 LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT BEGINNING IN THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL
4 YEAR AND TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO MEET THAT
5 REQUIREMENT.
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:
8 "(68) To Provide a School Nurse. – Local boards of education shall ensure that each
9 school within the local school administrative unit has a school nurse available
10 to students at all times during the instructional day. Boards may hire full-time
11 or part-time nurses directly or contract with a third party to provide nursing
12 services."
13 **SECTION 2.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
14 Public Instruction the sum of seventy-seven million dollars (\$77,000,000) in recurring funds for
15 the 2023-2024 fiscal year to increase the Instructional Support Allotment. These funds shall be
16 used to increase positions for school nurses in order to provide at least one full-time, permanent
17 school nurse for every school in the unit.
18 **SECTION 2.(b)** Funds provided to local school administrative units pursuant to this
19 act shall supplement and not supplant any funds already provided for school nurses.
20 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2023. Section 1 of this act applies
21 beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

