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HOUSE BILL DRH10118-NH-108

Short Title: Registered Nurses in Schools. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Gillespie.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW LICENSED REGISTERED NURSES TO SERVE AS SCHOOL
3 NURSES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-315(d2) reads as rewritten:

6 "(d2) School Nurses. – The State Board of Education, in accordance with subsection (d) of
7 this section, may adopt rules to establish the qualifications and training required to be hired or
8 contracted for as a certified school nurse ~~except the~~ subject to the following:

9 (1) The Board may not require or impose a requirement that would require a nurse
10 to obtain a four-year degree as a condition of employment.

11 (2) Any person licensed as a registered nurse under Article 9A of Chapter 90 of
12 the General Statutes that has at least two years' experience serving in a hospital
13 or health clinic may serve in the role of school nurse and may not be required
14 to possess or promise to obtain any other certification or license as a condition
15 of serving in that role. Registered nurses employed by the governing body of
16 a public school unit as a school nurse shall be paid under the certified school
17 nurse pay scale as established by the State Board of Education."

18 **SECTION 2.** The State Board of Education has authority to adopt temporary rules
19 to enact the provisions of this act until such a time as permanent rules can be adopted.

20 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

