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SENATE BILL DRS35149-NHa-41

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

Sponsors: Senators Adcock, Hise, and Hanig (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 PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIT BEGINNING IN THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR AND TO  
4 APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO MEET THAT REQUIREMENT.

5 Whereas, the health, well-being, and educational success of public school students in  
6 North Carolina are top priorities of the General Assembly; and

7 Whereas, employing school nurses has been shown to have a critical and positive  
8 impact on the health, well-being, and educational success of public school students in  
9 kindergarten through grade 12 due to services directed toward keeping students healthy, in class,  
10 and ready to learn; Now, therefore,

11 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

12 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

13 "(70) To Provide at Least One School Nurse in Every School. – Local boards of  
14 education shall ensure that each school within the local school administrative  
15 unit is staffed by at least one full-time, permanent school nurse."

16 **SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 115C-150.12C is amended by adding a new subdivision to  
17 read:

18 "(37) To provide at least one school nurse in every school. – The board of trustees  
19 shall ensure that each school is staffed by at least one full-time, permanent  
20 school nurse."

21 **SECTION 1.(c)** G.S. 115C-218.75 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

22 "(p) At Least One School Nurse. – A charter school shall ensure that the school is staffed  
23 by at least one full-time, permanent school nurse."

24 **SECTION 1.(d)** G.S. 115C-238.66 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

25 "(23) At least one school nurse required. – A regional school shall ensure that the  
26 school is staffed by at least one full-time, permanent school nurse."

27 **SECTION 1.(e)** G.S. 116-239.8(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

28 "(26) At least one school nurse required. – A laboratory school shall ensure that the  
29 school is staffed by at least one full-time, permanent school nurse."

30 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
31 Public Instruction for the 2025-2026 fiscal year the sum of ninety-five million dollars  
32 (\$95,000,000) in recurring funds to increase the School Health Personnel Allotment. These funds  
33 shall be used to increase positions for school nurses in order to provide at least one full-time,  
34 permanent school nurse in every school in a public school unit.

35 **SECTION 3.** Funds provided pursuant to this act shall supplement and not supplant  
36 any funds from any source already provided for school nurses.



1                   **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2025. Section 1 of this act applies  
2 beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.