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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the employment of school nurses by school
2 districts.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 279.63 SCHOOL NURSES.

2 1. The board of directors of a school district shall
3 employ not less than one school nurse for every seven hundred
4 fifty students enrolled in the school district to provide
5 health services to such students. If the total school
6 district enrollment is less than seven hundred fifty students,
7 the board of directors of the school district shall employ a
8 school nurse on a less than full-time basis for an amount of
9 time which shall be prorated.

10 2. For purposes of this section, "school nurse" means a
11 person who holds a letter of authorization or statement of
12 professional recognition issued by the board of educational
13 examiners under chapter 272.

14 Sec. 2. FUTURE EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect July
15 1, 2010.

16 Sec. 3. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
17 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
18 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
19 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid
20 received by the school district under section 257.16. This
21 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed
22 to meet all the state funding-related requirements of section
23 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding shall be
24 necessary for the full implementation of this Act by and
25 enforcement of this Act against all affected school districts.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill requires a school district to employ one school
28 nurse for every 750 students enrolled in the school district
29 or to employ a nurse on less than a full-time prorated basis
30 if the school district has a total enrollment of less than 750
31 students.

32 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
33 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of any
34 state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
35 district from state school foundation aid received by the

1 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification
2 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state
3 mandate funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2.
4 The inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate
5 the requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any
6 state mandates included in the bill.

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