

ARIZONA STATE SENATE

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AMENDED FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2484

schools; health care services; posting

<u>Purpose</u>

Requires a school district or charter school that provides routine healthcare services to students in a school health care office to provide a parent or guardian, upon request, the health care credentials of individuals who provide such services.

Background

The Arizona State Board of Nursing (AZBN) regulates the practice of nursing by: 1) licensing qualified registered nurse (RN) and practical nurse applicants; and 2) monitoring licensed nurses' compliance with statutory requirements and AZBN-prescribed policies and rules. A qualified applicant may apply to the AZBN for licensure by examination or licensure by endorsement in the manner prescribed by the AZBN (A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 15).

The AZBN does not require an individual to hold a school nurse certification for employment as a school nurse, but allows eligible individuals to apply and receive an optional school nurse certification. To be eligible for a school nurse certification, an applicant must hold a current RN license in good standing or a multistate privilege to practice as an RN in Arizona. The AZBN must grant a school nurse certificate to any applicant who meets the prescribed requirements. A school nurse certificate expires every six years (A.A.C. R4-19-309; AZBN).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

- 1. Requires each school district or charter school that provides routine health care services to students in a school health office to provide a parent or guardian with the health care credentials, if any, of each individual who provides routine student health care services upon request.
- 2. Specifies that a school district or charter school is not required to release the personally identifiable information of an individual who provides routine health care services to students, including the individual's:
 - a) address;
 - b) salary;
 - c) social security number; or
 - d) telephone number.
- 3. Defines *health care credentials* as a license, certificate, permit or registration to practice a health care profession.

4. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Amendments Adopted by Committee

- 1. Removes the requirement for each school, school district or charter school that employs an RN to provide routine student health care services to prominently post a hyperlink to a webpage containing a statement that an RN is assigned to the school.
- 2. Removes the requirement for a school that provides routine student health care services, but does not employ an RN, to prominently post a hyperlink to a webpage containing the health care credentials of individuals who provide routine student health care services, or a statement that individuals without health care credentials provide such routine services.
- 3. Removes the requirement for each school that provides routine student health care services to prominently post in the school's health office and in the school's handbook the health care credentials of each individual who provides routine student health care services or a statement that individuals without health care credentials provide such services.
- 4. Requires a school district or charter school that provides routine student health care services to provide a parent or guardian the health care credentials of each individual who provides such services upon request.
- 5. Specifies that a school district or charter school is not required to release the personally identifiable information of an individual who provides routine student health care services in the school's health office.
- 6. Makes technical and conforming changes.

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