

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 382  
Committee Substitute Favorable 3/28/23

Short Title: Registered Nurses in Schools. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 16, 2023

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

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-315(d1) reads as rewritten:

6 "(d1) ~~Certification for School Nurses. – Notwithstanding any other provision of law or rule,~~  
7 ~~school nurses employed in the public schools prior to July 1, 1998, shall not be required to be~~  
8 ~~nationally certified to continue employment. School nurses not certified by the American Nurses'~~  
9 ~~Association or the National Association of School Nurses~~ Any person licensed as a registered  
10 nurse under Article 9A of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes who has at least two years of  
11 licensed experience in a hospital or health clinic may be employed as a school nurse and shall  
12 not be required to possess or promise to obtain any other certification or license as a condition of  
13 employment in that role. School nurses not certified by a national organization recognized by the  
14 State Board of Education shall continue to be paid based on the noncertified nurse salary range  
15 as established by the State Board of Education. ~~Board.~~"

16 **SECTION 2.** The State Board of Education has authority to adopt temporary rules  
17 to enact the provisions of this act until such a time as permanent rules are adopted.

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



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