

SENATE BILL 105

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49
and Title 68, relative to the public school nurse
program.

WHEREAS, school nurses join with families and communities across the state in recognizing that the health, safety, and well-being of young Tennesseans is crucial to their growth, development, and subsequent educational success; and

WHEREAS, school nurses greatly enhance the educational process for students by helping them meet their individual health care needs through assessments, delivery of intervention services, provision of emergency care, and by appropriately managing acute and chronic illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the health status of Tennessee's students is fostered and protected through screenings, health education, prevention programs, and strong communication networks between families, teachers, and school administrators; and

WHEREAS, school nurses offer professional health services in order to promote optimal learning and student success for all students; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the need for school nurses throughout our great state for the compassionate and dedicated services they can provide to Tennessee students, families, and schools; and

WHEREAS, with all the demands required to properly fund our school systems, obtaining funds for school nurses in all public schools is becoming more and more difficult; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 12, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 68-1-12___. The general assembly may, in the interest of promoting and maintaining student health, appropriate funding for the state school fund created under § 49-3-101 for the inclusion of a school nurse in each public school within the state.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.