

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2750

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to eligible States for the purpose of reducing the student-to-school nurse ratio in public secondary schools, elementary schools, and kindergarten.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 6, 2009

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Student-to-School
5 Nurse Ratio Improvement Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. REDUCING STUDENT-TO-SCHOOL NURSE RATIOS.**

2 Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act (42
3 U.S.C. 296 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the
4 following:

5 **“PART J—SCHOOL NURSES**

6 **“SEC. 861. REDUCING STUDENT-TO-SCHOOL NURSE RATIOS.**

7 “(a) DEMONSTRATION GRANTS.—The Secretary, act-
8 ing through the Director of the Centers for Disease Con-
9 trol and Prevention, may make demonstration grants to
10 eligible States for the purpose of reducing the student-to-
11 school nurse ratio in public secondary schools, elementary
12 schools, and kindergarten.

13 “(b) REPORT.—Not later than 24 months after the
14 date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall
15 submit to the Congress a report on the results of the dem-
16 onstration grant program carried out under this section,
17 including an evaluation of the effectiveness of the program
18 in improving the student-to-school nurse ratios described
19 in subsection (a) and an evaluation of the impact of any
20 resulting enhanced health of students on learning.

21 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

22 “(1) The terms ‘elementary school’ and ‘sec-
23 ondary school’ have the meanings given to those
24 terms in section 9101 of the Elementary and Sec-
25 ondary Education Act of 1965.

1 “(2) The term ‘eligible State’ means a State in
2 which the student-to-school nurse ratio in public sec-
3 ondary schools, elementary schools, and kinder-
4 garten is 750 or more students to every school
5 nurse.

6 “(3) The term ‘nurse’ means a licensed nurse.

7 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
8 carry out this section, there are authorized to be appro-
9 priated such sums as may be necessary for each of the
10 fiscal years 2010 through 2014.”.

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