

By Senator Wilson

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to school health services; creating s.
3 381.0058, F.S., relating to public-private partnerships
4 for the provision of school nurse services; providing
5 legislative intent and purpose; providing duties of the
6 Department of Health and the Department of Education;
7 providing a process for proposal submission and review;
8 providing for the scope of services to be provided;
9 providing for review and selection criteria; providing
10 legislative intent relating to funding of the act;
11 providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.
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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "One School, One
16 Nurse Act."

17 Section 2. Section 381.0058, Florida Statutes, is created
18 to read:

19 381.0058 Matching funds for school nurse services; public-
20 private partnerships.--

21 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that matching
22 funds, in addition to those provided under s. 381.0056 for the
23 School Health Services Act and s. 381.0057 for school health
24 services funding, be provided in those communities where interest
25 in school health services is evidenced by the participation of
26 public or private entities in the funding or delivery of school
27 nurse services. The purpose of this funding is to encourage the
28 development of those programs that offer the greatest potential
29 for promoting the health of students, increasing the availability

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30 of and access to nurses in the school setting, and fostering
31 greater community participation in the delivery of school nurse
32 services. Matching funds shall be available specifically for
33 implementing the programs described in ss. 381.0056, 381.0057,
34 and 402.3026 which are designed to meet the particular needs of
35 the community. Further, it is the intent of the Legislature that
36 tobacco-settlement revenue be used to pay for health and human
37 services for children.

38 (2) The Secretary of Health, or his or her designee, in
39 cooperation with the Commissioner of Education, or his or her
40 designee, shall publicize the availability of matching funds for
41 public and private entities committed to enhancing the
42 availability of school nurse services, as reflected in formal
43 agreements that are part of the local school health services
44 plan.

45 (3) The Secretary of Health, or his or her designees, in
46 cooperation with the Commissioner of Education, or his or her
47 designees, in equal representation, shall form a committee to
48 determine the eligibility of sites to receive matching funds.

49 (4) Any community that seeks to receive state matching
50 funds under this section must submit a proposal to the committee
51 established in subsection (3). The proposal must state the goals
52 of the program, provide specific plans for enhancing local
53 resources available for school nurse services, and describe all
54 of the health services to be made available to students from
55 matching funds provided under this section. A county health
56 department or school district that receives matching funds may
57 not supplant more than 50 percent of the current local
58 contributions to school health services funding, as documented in

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59 the local school health services plan.

60 (5) In addition to the merits of a proposal, the award of
61 matching funds must be based on those proposals from sites that
62 include county health departments and school districts that most
63 closely meet the following criteria:

64 (a) Have evidence of a comprehensive inservice staff
65 development plan.

66 (b) Have evidence of a cooperative working relationship
67 between the county health department and the school district and
68 have community, as well as parental, support.

69 (c) Have a high percentage of subsidized school lunches.

70 (d) Have a high incidence of medically underserved high-
71 risk children, low-birthweight babies, infant mortality, or
72 teenage pregnancy.

73 (e) Have a high incidence of children who have chronic
74 health conditions or high-risk behavioral problems.

75 (f) Have documented in the local school health services
76 plan a commitment from community entities to fund or provide
77 other direct resources for the enhanced availability of school
78 health services.

79 (g) Have a plan to ensure billing for Medicaid funding for
80 services rendered under the certified school match program or the
81 county health department certified match program as specified in
82 s. 409.9122.

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84 Although these criteria are part of the review process for
85 proposals, they are not to be construed as the sole factors to be
86 considered in the proposal-review process. A site's ability to
87 address, and interest in addressing, locally identified needs and

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88 priorities must also be considered. In addition, receipt of
89 matching funds is not intended to diminish a site's eligibility
90 for base funding for school health services.

91 Section 3. It is the intent of the Legislature that
92 sufficient resources be made available to fund a nurse in every
93 public school in the state as provided in this act. The
94 Legislature recognizes that extensive resources will be necessary
95 to achieve this intent, and that a portion of these resources can
96 be found from a variety of existing resources. The Legislature
97 recognizes that existing funding for basic and comprehensive
98 school health services and full-service schools, as created under
99 ss. 381.0056 and 381.0057, Florida Statutes, can be used as
100 partial funding. The Legislature further recognizes that funding
101 earned by local school districts and county health departments
102 from the Agency for Health Care Administration from the delivery
103 of services to Medicaid-eligible students can also be used as
104 partial funding. Finally, the Legislature recognizes that another
105 source of funding is local funding currently being used for
106 school health services, which can now be eligible for matching
107 funds under school nurse services provided through public-private
108 partnerships as created by this act. It is the intent of the
109 Legislature that the remainder of resources necessary for placing
110 a nurse in every school be derived from the state's tobacco-
111 settlement revenue.

112 Section 4. The sum of \$75,000 is appropriated from the
113 General Revenue Fund to the Department of Health for the purpose
114 of convening a school health summit as recommended by Senate
115 Interim Project Report 98-30, September 1998.

116 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.