School nursing—state school nurse.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Wilson, Barlow, Connolly, Dayton-Selman, Henderson, Northrup, Paxton and Sommers and Senator(s) Baldwin, Coe, Ellis and Schuler

A BILL

for

AN ACT relating to education; authorizing the state superintendent of public instruction to employ a state school nurse; specifying duties of the state school nurse; authorizing a position subject to conditions; and providing for effective dates.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 21-2-202(a) by creating new paragraphs (xxxviii) and (xxxix) is amended to read:

(a) In addition to any other duties assigned by law, the state superintendent shall:

(xxxviii) When nonstate funds are received by the department of education that provide for one hundred percent (100%) of the cost, the state superintendent may hire the state school nurse as an at-will contract employee or may contract for nursing services to carry out the duties assigned under this paragraph. The state school nurse shall hold a Wyoming license as an advanced practice registered nurse. The state school nurse shall:

(A) Identify professional development needs for Wyoming school nurses, with focus on caring for students with behavioral health needs and chronic diseases and make available training resources to meet the professional development needs identified;

(B) Assist the superintendent in establishing requirements for school district policies and training regarding the use of seclusion and restraint in schools pursuant to paragraph (xxxii) of this subsection;
(C) Assist the superintendent in developing protocols to address risks associated with concussions and head injuries under W.S. 21-3-110(a)(xxxii);

(D) Assist the superintendent in reviewing and making available suicide prevention education materials as required under paragraph(xxxv) of this subsection;

(E) In consultation with the state health officer and the district boards of trustees, write standing orders for medication administration or treatment for students without a primary care physician who have urgent needs during the school day;

(F) Assist the superintendent in drafting policies for school district use to help facilitate care for behavioral health needs, enhance collaboration among school district personnel and community medical and behavioral health providers, and to prevent disease, substance abuse and bullying;
(G) Provide information to school nurses and school district boards of trustees on public health issues;

(H) In a manner to maintain student confidentiality, collect aggregated data from school districts on medical and behavioral health diagnoses, vision and hearing impairment, special education needs, and other nursing challenges that impact schools and students;

(J) In consultation with the board of nursing, develop best practice standards for school nursing;

(K) At the request of district boards of trustees, advise on the child sexual abuse education, prevention and response program under W.S. 21-3-133.

(xxxix) Solicit nonstate funds for costs associated with the position of the state school nurse.
Section 2. The department of education shall take all action necessary to implement section 1 of this act by July 1, 2020.

Section 3. The department of education is authorized one (1) at-will contract employee position or may contract for nursing services in accordance with W.S. 21-2-202(a)(xxxviii), as created by this act, contingent on the availability of nonstate funds. Any nonstate funds that become available for the purposes of W.S. 21-2-202(a)(xxxviii), as created by this act, shall be accepted through the B-11 process as authorized by W.S. 9-2-1005(b)(ii) and (g) and reported pursuant to W.S. 9-2-1013(b). It is the intent of the legislature that this position and the associated funds be included in the department of education's 2023-2024 budget request.

Section 4.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2020.
(b) Sections 2 through 4 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)