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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOOL NURSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-212 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

3 (a) (1) Each local or regional board of education shall appoint one or
4 more school nurses or nurse practitioners. Such school nurses and
5 nurse practitioners appointed by such boards shall be qualified
6 pursuant to regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of
7 chapter 54 by the State Board of Education in consultation with the
8 Department of Public Health. On and after July 1, 2011, such
9 regulations shall require that each school nurse participates in at least
10 fifteen hours of continuing education annually and maintains a valid
11 nursing license in this state, and for any person not qualified as a
12 school nurse prior to July 1, 2011, such regulations shall require that
13 such person seeking to be qualified as a school nurse (A) is certified in
14 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, (B) has at least two years of full-time
15 working experience as a registered nurse during the five-year period
16 immediately prior to the date of employment as a school nurse, (C) has

17 a baccalaureate degree with a concentration in nursing or other health-
18 related field, such as public health or health education, or has a
19 diploma or associate degree in nursing and at least fifteen academic
20 credits from a licensed or accredited institution of higher education in
21 nursing-related subject areas, and (D) is certified as a school nurse by
22 the National Board for Certification of School Nurses.

23 (2) Such school nurses may also act as visiting nurses in the town,
24 may visit the homes of pupils in the public schools and shall assist in
25 executing the orders of the school medical advisor, if there is any in
26 such town, and perform such other duties as are required by such
27 board.

28 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any
29 regulation of Connecticut state agencies, nothing in this section shall
30 be construed to prohibit the administering of medications by parents
31 or guardians to their own children on school grounds.

32 (c) School nurses and nurse practitioners appointed by or under
33 contract with any local or regional board of education and any nurse
34 provided to a nonpublic school under the provisions of section 10-217a
35 shall submit to a criminal history records check in accordance with the
36 provisions of section 29-17a.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2011	10-212

Statement of Purpose:

To direct the State Board of Education to adopt regulations increasing the qualification requirements of school nurses.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]