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H.B. No. 1980

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the assignment of school nurses at public school
3 campuses.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 38, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 38.020 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 38.020. NURSE ASSIGNMENT REQUIRED. (a) Each school
8 district that has an enrollment of fewer than 500 students shall
9 assign at least one full-time school nurse to each district campus.

10 (b) Each school district that has an enrollment of at least
11 500 students shall employ at least one full-time school nurse for
12 each 500 students enrolled in the district. The district shall
13 assign at least one full-time school nurse to each district campus
14 and shall assign any additional school nurses based on the medical
15 needs of students at a particular campus.

16 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2005-2006
17 school year.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.