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S.B. No. 1766

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study by the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce
Studies nursing advisory committee on school nurse staffing.

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

SECTION 1. (a) In this section, "advisory committee" means
the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies nursing advisory
committee established under Section [104.0155](#), Health and Safety
Code.

(b) The advisory committee shall conduct a study to:

(1) research school nurse salary rates and determine
what constitutes a competitive salary rate;

(2) determine whether it is appropriate to pay
full-time school nurses in a manner and an amount comparable to the
salary of a full-time teacher;

(3) evaluate the number of school campuses in this
state operating without a school nurse present during instructional
hours;

(4) assess whether it is possible to recruit school
nurses directly from institutions of higher education;

(5) assess the benefits of ensuring a school nurse is
available during all instructional hours;

(6) estimate the potential costs to school districts
of requiring each district to employ at least one full-time school
nurse at each district campus;

1 (7) recommend strategies to include school nurses in
2 other campus operations, including behavioral threat assessment
3 teams and school health advisory councils;

4 (8) consider current practices adopted by school
5 districts in this state and recommend best practices to enhance
6 school nurse recruitment and retention; and

7 (9) recommend any other means of providing
8 administrative support to school nurses.

9 (c) Not later than December 1, 2026, the advisory committee
10 shall prepare and submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor,
11 the speaker of the house of representatives, and each member of the
12 legislature a written report containing the results of the study
13 and any recommendations for legislative or other action.

14 SECTION 2. This Act expires September 1, 2027.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.