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S.B. No. 1766

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

# 1 AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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.