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SENATE BILL 320

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; REQUIRING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
NURSE IN EVERY SCHOOL PROGRAM; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Public School Code is  
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] NURSE IN EVERY SCHOOL PROGRAM--  
IMPLEMENTATION--EXCEPTION.--

A. The department shall adopt rules for the  
implementation of the "nurse in every school program". Except  
as provided in Subsection B of this section, the program shall  
ensure that a certified nurse is employed in every public  
school in New Mexico. The nurse in every school program shall  
be phased in over a six-year period as follows:

(1) effective with the 2007-2008 school year,

underscored material = new  
[bracketed material] = delete

1 one-fifth of New Mexico's public schools shall employ a nurse;

2 (2) effective with the 2008-2009 school year,  
3 two-fifths of New Mexico's public schools shall employ a nurse;

4 (3) effective with the 2009-2010 school year,  
5 three-fifths of New Mexico's public schools shall employ a  
6 nurse;

7 (4) effective with the 2010-2011 school year,  
8 four-fifths of New Mexico's public schools shall employ a  
9 nurse; and

10 (5) effective with the 2011-2012 school year,  
11 every New Mexico public school shall employ a nurse.

12 B. The department may develop exceptions to the  
13 nurse in every school program requirements for small rural  
14 school districts."

15 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Three million two hundred  
16 thousand dollars (\$3,200,000) is appropriated from the general  
17 fund to the public education department for expenditure in  
18 fiscal year 2008 for the purpose of implementing the nurse in  
19 every school program. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance  
20 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the  
21 general fund.