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# HB 2484: schools; health care services; posting Sponsor: Representative Parker B, LD 10 Caucus & COW

#### Overview

Details posting requirements for a school, school district or charter school that employs a registered nurse (RN) or provides student health care services.

#### History

The Arizona State Board of Nursing (AZBN) is tasked with licensing qualified RN and practical nurse applicants (A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 15). AZBN rules detail requirements an applicant must meet to be licensed as an RN either through licensure by examination or licensure by endorsement (A.A.C. R14-19-301).

AZBN does not require a school nurse to hold a school nurse certification, though eligible individuals may apply for optional school nurse certification. To receive a school nurse certification from AZBN, an applicant must hold a current RN current license in good standing or multistate privilege to practice as an RN in Arizona. AZBN must grant a school nurse certificate to any applicant who meets these criteria. A school nurse certificate expires every six years (A.A.C. R4-19-309).

#### **Provisions**

- 1. Requires, if an RN provides student health care services as an employee of a school, school district or charter school, each school where the RN provides services to prominently post on its website a statement that an RN is assigned to the school.
- 2. Stipulates a school that does not employ an RN but provides student health care services must prominently post on its website:
  - a) any health care credentials of each individual who, in the course of their official duties, provides student health care services; or
  - b) a statement that individuals who do not have health care credentials provide student health care services in the course of their duties.
- 3. Allows the website posting requirements to be satisfied by the school district or charter school that operates the school if the school does not maintain its own website.
- 4. Instructs each school that provides student health care services to prominently post in its health office:
  - a) any health care credentials of each individual who provides student health care services; or
  - b) a statement that individuals who do not have health care credentials provide student health care services.

$\square$ Prop 105 (45 votes) $\square$ Prop 108 (40 votes) $\square$ Emergency (40 votes)	□ Fiscal Note
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5. Defines health care credentials and RN.

### **Amendments**

Committee on Education

- 1. Applies the posting requirements to a school or RN that provides *routine* student health care services in the school's health office.
- 2. Requires a school to prominently post on the homepage of the school's website a hyperlink to a webpage that contains the statements or health care credentials.
- 3. Requires a school that provides routine student health care services to also post the health care credentials or statement in the school's parent handbook, if applicable.