



SENATE BILL 600: Improve Health and Human Services, Part V: Registered Nurses in Schools

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Part V of S.L. 2025-60 (Senate Bill 600) clarifies that the State Board of Education (SBE) cannot impose a four-year degree requirement for an individual to be hired or contracted for as a school nurse. In addition, this section requires that a school nurse be paid on the certified nurse pay scale as established by the SBE if the nurse is a registered nurse licensed under Article 9A of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes and has at least two years of experience serving in a hospital or health clinic.

This Part gives the SBE authority to adopt temporary rules until permanent rules can be adopted. The Department of Public Instruction must conform salary manuals with this section's requirements.

Part V became effective July 3, 2025, and applies to school nurses hired or contracted for on or after that date.

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