

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5335

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to eligible local educational agencies for the purpose of reducing the student-to-nurse ratio in public elementary and secondary schools.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 18, 2010

Mr. MARSHALL (for himself and Mr. CASTLE) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Nurses for Impover-

5       ished Schools Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REDUCING STUDENT-TO-NURSE RATIOS IN PUBLIC**  
2 **SCHOOLS.**

3 Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act (42  
4 U.S.C. 296 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the  
5 following:

6 **“PART J—SCHOOL NURSES**

7 **“SEC. 861. REDUCING STUDENT-TO-NURSE RATIOS.**

8 “(a) DEMONSTRATION GRANTS.—The Secretary, act-  
9 ing through the Director of the Centers for Disease Con-  
10 trol and Prevention, may make demonstration grants to  
11 eligible local educational agencies for the purpose of reduc-  
12 ing the student-to-nurse ratio in public elementary and  
13 secondary schools.

14 “(b) REPORT.—Not later than 24 months after the  
15 date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall  
16 submit to the Congress a report on the results of the dem-  
17 onstration grant program carried out under this section,  
18 including an evaluation of the effectiveness of the program  
19 in improving the student-to-nurse ratios described in sub-  
20 section (a) and an evaluation of the impact of any result-  
21 ing enhanced health of students on learning.

22 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

23 “(1) The terms ‘elementary school’ and ‘sec-  
24 ondary school’ have the meanings given to those  
25 terms in section 9101 of the Elementary and Sec-  
26 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

1           “(2) The term ‘eligible local educational agency’  
2 means a local educational agency in which—

3           “(A) not less than 20 percent of the stu-  
4 dents served by the agency are from families  
5 with incomes below the poverty line (as defined  
6 in section 9101 of the Elementary and Sec-  
7 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
8 7801)); and

9           “(B) the student-to-school nurse ratio in  
10 public elementary and secondary schools is 750  
11 or more students to every school nurse.

12           “(3) The term ‘nurse’ means a licensed nurse.

13           “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To  
14 carry out this section, there are authorized to be appro-  
15 priated such sums as may be necessary for each of the  
16 fiscal years 2011 through 2015.”.

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