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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1—ASSEMBLYWOMAN PARNELL

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions regarding school nurses. (BDR 34-135)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to schools; requiring that nursing services in all school districts must be provided under the direction and supervision of a chief administrative nurse; prescribing the qualifications of a chief administrative nurse; revising provisions relating to nursing services provided to certain pupils; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 391.207 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 391.207 ***1. The provision of nursing services in a school district by***
3 ***school nurses and other qualified personnel must be under the direction***
4 ***and supervision of a chief administrative nurse who is a registered nurse***
5 ***and who:***
6 ***(a) Holds an endorsement to serve as a school nurse issued pursuant***
7 ***to regulations adopted by the commission; or***
8 ***(b) Is employed by a state, county, city or district health department***
9 ***and provides nursing services to the school district in the course of that***
10 ***employment.***
11 **2.** A school district shall not employ a person to serve as a school
12 nurse unless he holds an endorsement to serve as a school nurse issued
13 pursuant to regulations adopted by the commission.
14 **Sec. 2.** NRS 391.208 is hereby amended to read as follows:
15 391.208 A school nurse shall, for each school at which he is
16 ~~employed;~~ ***responsible for providing nursing services:***
17 1. Ensure that each pupil enrolled in the school has been immunized in
18 accordance with, is exempt from or has otherwise complied with, the
19 requirements set forth in NRS 392.435 to 392.446, inclusive.



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- 1 2. Assess and evaluate the general health and physical development of
2 the pupils enrolled in the school to identify those pupils who have physical
3 or mental conditions that impede their ability to learn.
- 4 3. Report the results of an evaluation conducted pursuant to subsection
5 2 to:
- 6 (a) A parent or guardian of the pupil;
7 (b) Each administrator and teacher directly involved with the education
8 of the pupil; and
9 (c) Other professional personnel within the school district who need the
10 information to assist the pupil with his health or education.
- 11 4. Design and carry out a plan of nursing care for a pupil with special
12 needs which incorporates any plan specified by the pupil's physician *or*
13 *provider of health care, as defined in NRS 629.031*, and which is
14 approved by the pupil's parent or guardian. *The nursing services provided*
15 *pursuant to a plan of nursing care must be performed in compliance with*
16 *chapter 632 of NRS.*
- 17 5. When appropriate, refer a pupil and his parent or guardian to other
18 sources in the community to obtain services necessary for the health of the
19 pupil.
- 20 6. Interpret medical and nursing information that relates to a pupil's
21 individual educational plan *or individualized accommodation plan* and
22 make recommendations to:
- 23 (a) Professional personnel directly involved with that pupil; and
24 (b) The parents or guardian of that pupil.
- 25 **Sec. 3.** NRS 392.420 is hereby amended to read as follows:
26 392.420 1. In each school at which he is ~~employed,~~ *responsible for*
27 *providing nursing services*, a school nurse shall plan for and carry out, or
28 supervise qualified health personnel in carrying out, a separate and careful
29 observation and examination of every child who is regularly enrolled in a
30 grade specified by the board of trustees or superintendent of schools of the
31 school district to determine whether the child has scoliosis, any visual or
32 auditory problem , or any gross physical defect. The grades in which the
33 observations and examinations must be carried out are as follows:
- 34 (a) For visual and auditory problems, in at least two grades of the
35 elementary schools, one grade of the middle or junior high schools , and
36 one grade of the high schools; and
37 (b) For scoliosis, in at least one grade of schools below the high
38 schools.
- 39 Any person other than a school nurse who performs an observation or
40 examination pursuant to this subsection must be trained by a school nurse
41 to conduct the observation or examination.
- 42 2. If any child is attending school in a grade above one of the specified
43 grades and has not previously received such an observation and
44 examination, he must be included in the current schedule for observation
45 and examination. Any child who is newly enrolled in the district must be
46 examined for any medical condition for which children in a lower grade are
47 examined.
- 48 3. A special examination for a possible visual or auditory problem
49 must be provided for any child who:



- 1 (a) Is enrolled in a special program;
2 (b) Is repeating a grade;
3 (c) Has failed an examination for a visual or auditory problem during
4 the previous school year; or
5 (d) Shows in any other way that he may have such a problem.
6 4. The school authorities shall notify the parents or guardian of any
7 child who is found or believed to have a visual or auditory problem,
8 scoliosis ~~H~~ or any gross physical defect , and shall recommend that
9 appropriate medical attention be secured to correct it.
10 5. In any school district in which state, county or district public health
11 services are available or conveniently obtainable, those services may be
12 used to meet the responsibilities assigned under the provisions of this
13 section. The board of trustees of the school district may employ qualified
14 personnel to perform them. *Any nursing services provided by such*
15 *qualified personnel must be performed in compliance with chapter 632 of*
16 *NRS.*
17 6. Any child must be exempted from the examination if his parents or
18 guardian filed with the teacher a written statement objecting to the
19 examination.
20 **Sec. 4.** NRS 632.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:
21 632.240 ~~H~~ The provision of nursing services in any system for the
22 delivery of health care must be under the direction and supervision of a
23 chief administrative nurse who is a registered nurse.
24 ~~{2. The provisions of this section do not apply to a county school~~
25 ~~district whose enrollment is fewer than 35,000 pupils.}~~
26 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2001.

