

**SENATE . . . . . No. 231**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act Ensuring Adequate Nursing Services at Public Schools..

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 53 of chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended in its  
2 entirety to read as follows:—

3 Section 53. The School committee shall appoint school physicians; nurse practitioners  
4 and registered nurses with the DOE licensure, shall assign them to the public schools within its  
5 jurisdiction, shall provide them with all the proper facilities for the performance of their duties,  
6 and shall assign one or more physicians or nurse practitioners operating under the direction of  
7 the physician to the examination of children who apply for health certificates required by section  
8 eighty-seven of chapter one hundred forty-nine, but in cities where the medical inspection  
9 hereinafter prescribed is substantially provided by the board of health, said board shall appoint  
10 and assign the school physicians; nurse practitioners and registered nurses with DOE school  
11 nurse licensure, provided however that school districts must meet minimum staffing  
12 requirements of school physicians; nurse practitioners and registered nurses with DOE school  
13 nurse licensure established by the Department of Public Health and that each school with five

- 14 hundred or more students shall be assigned at minimum one full-time physician, nurse
- 15 practitioner or registered nurse with DOE school nurse licensure.