

SENATE No. 249

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard T. Moore

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act providing Chapter 70 accountability for adequate access to school nursing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Richard T. Moore</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>John V. Fernandes</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Michael R. Knapik</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>

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By Mr. Richard T. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 249) of Richard T. Moore, Sal N. DiDomenico, John V. Fernandes and Michael R. Knapik for legislation relative to providing Chapter 70 accountability for adequate access to school nursing . Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 221 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act providing Chapter 70 accountability for adequate access to school nursing.

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. Chapter 70 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended in section 2 by inserting after the word “principals “ in lines 171, 176 and
3 537, the following:- “the foundation school nurse professional staff”

4 SECTION 2. Said Chapter 70 is hereby further amended in said section by inserting after
5 the word “budget” in line 245 the following:- “, not including foundation school nurse
6 professional staff,”

7 SECTION 3. Said Chapter 70 is hereby further amended in said section by inserting after
8 the word “principals” in lines 275 and 347 the following:- “school nurse professional staff”

9 SECTION 4. Said Chapter 70 is hereby further amended in said section by inserting after
10 the definition of “Foundation principals” the following new definition:-

11 “Foundation school nurse professional staff”, the number of registered nurses licensed by
12 the department of elementary and secondary education allotted within a district’s foundation
13 budget in any fiscal year to ensure adequate access to school nurse professionals by all enrollees.
14 The foundation school nurse professional staff, calculated using enrollments as defined in this
15 section, shall be the sum of: the number of school nurse professional staff employed by each
16 school district in fiscal year 2010 plus XXX thousandths multiplied by the sum of the foundation

17 kindergarten, pre-school, elementary, bilingual, junior high/middle school and the foundation
18 high school and foundation vocational school enrollment; plus the assumed in-school special
19 education; plus three hundredths multiplied by the average number of low-income students
20 attending school in the district over the preceding two fiscal years.

21 SECTION 5. Said Chapter 70 is hereby further amended in section 9 by inserting after
22 the word “for” in line 2 the following:- “registered school nurses consistent with section 53 of
23 chapter 71,”

24 SECTION 6. Said Chapter 70 is hereby further amended in said section 9 by inserting
25 after the words “fall short” in line 5 the following:- “of the foundation school nurse professional
26 staff funding formula or”