

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 640

Short Title: School Nurses/LRC Study. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Tarte (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 30, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY
3 ISSUES RELATED TO STAFFING THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WITH AN ADEQUATE
4 NUMBER OF SCHOOL NURSES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission (LRC) is authorized to study
7 the issues related to staffing the public schools with an adequate number of school nurses to
8 meet the needs of students. The LRC may consider at least the following in its study:

- 9 (1) The current staffing levels of nurses in the public schools.
10 (2) The appropriate goals for providing an adequate number of school nurses in
11 each local school administrative unit depending on various factors, such as
12 size of the unit, geographic location, and the number of students with special
13 medical needs.
14 (3) Any current initiatives on the State or local level to address a shortage of
15 school nurses.
16 (4) Funding options for increasing the number of school nurses to serve public
17 schools, including the variation and amount of funding that comes from
18 different sources of funds, including State, local, or other funds.

19 **SECTION 2.** The Legislative Research Commission shall report on the study to the
20 2015 General Assembly when it reconvenes in 2016.

21 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

