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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 25, 1989

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," further providing for school health
6 services and reimbursement for school health services.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 1402(a.1) of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
11 amended December 7, 1965 (P.L.1041, No.390), is amended to read:

12 Section 1402. Health Services.--* * *

13 (a.1) Every child of school age shall be provided with
14 school nurse services: Provided, however, That the number of
15 general population pupils under the care of each school nurse
16 shall not exceed [one thousand five hundred (1,500)] nine
17 hundred fifty (950) and that the number of pupils with mental
18 and physical handicaps shall not exceed one nurse for every two

hundred twenty-five (225) pupils in the mainstream populations
and one nurse for every one hundred twenty-five (125) pupils in
the severely or profoundly handicapped population.

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Section 2. Section 2505.1(a) and (a.1) of the act, amended
July 13, 1979 (P.L.94, No.41), are amended to read:

Section 2505.1. State Reimbursement for Health Services.--

(a) Every school district and joint school board which renders
health services to children of school age shall be reimbursed by
the Commonwealth on account of health services which conform to
standards approved by the Secretary of Health. Reimbursements
shall be paid by the Secretary of Health. The amount thereof
shall be the actual cost of the medical and dental services and
school nurse services as certified to the Secretary of Health,
less any charges deemed unreasonable by him, but for medical
services shall not for any school year exceed the sum of (1)
[one dollar and sixty cents (\$1.60)] two dollars and eighty
cents (\$2.80) multiplied by the number of children enrolled in a
school for the entire school term of that school year and for
whom the school district or joint school board maintains
comprehensive health records as defined in section 1402, and (2)
a proportionate part of [one dollar and sixty cents (\$1.60)] two
dollars and eighty cents (\$2.80) for each child enrolled for a
part of the school term of that school year and for whom the
school district or joint school board maintains a comprehensive
health record as defined in section 1402, for dental services
shall not for any school year exceed the sum of (1) [eighty
cents (\$.80)] one dollar and forty cents (\$1.40) multiplied by
the number of children enrolled in a school for the entire
school term of that school year and for whom the school district

1 or joint school board maintains comprehensive health records as
2 defined in section 1402, and (2) a proportionate part of [eighty
3 cents (\$.80)] one dollar and forty cents (\$1.40) for each child
4 enrolled for a part of the school term of that school year and
5 for whom the school district or joint school board maintains a
6 comprehensive health record as defined in section 1402, and for
7 school nurse services shall not for any school year exceed the
8 sum of (1) [seven dollars (\$7.00)] twenty-four dollars and fifty
9 cents (\$24.50) multiplied by the district's market value
10 personal income aid ratio, multiplied by the number of children
11 enrolled in a school for the entire school term of that school
12 year, and (2) a proportionate part of [seven dollars (\$7.00)]
13 twenty-four dollars and fifty cents (\$24.50) multiplied by the
14 district's market value personal income aid ratio for each child
15 enrolled for a part of the school term of that school year.

16 For the 1989-1990 school year and each year thereafter, no
17 school district shall receive less funding on account of school
18 nurse services than was received for the 1988-1989 school year.

19 (a.1) Every school district or joint school board which
20 employs one or more dental hygienists for the purpose of dental
21 hygiene services to children of school age shall be reimbursed
22 by the Commonwealth on account of such services which conform to
23 standards approved by the Secretary of Health. Reimbursement
24 shall be made by the Secretary of Health. The amount thereof
25 shall be the actual cost of the dental hygiene services as
26 certified to the Secretary of Health, less any charges that
27 shall be deemed unreasonable by him, but for any school year
28 shall not exceed the sum of [two dollars (\$2)] seven dollars
29 (\$7.00) multiplied by the district's market value personal
30 income aid ratio multiplied by the actual number of children

1 enrolled in the school for the entire school term [who receive
2 such dental hygiene services,] and a proportionate part of [two
3 dollars (\$2)] seven dollars (\$7.00) multiplied by the district's
4 market value personal income aid ratio for each child enrolled
5 for a part of the school term of that school year [and who
6 actually receives dental hygiene services]. Reimbursement under
7 this subsection shall be in lieu of any reimbursement provided
8 in subsection (a) of this section for dental services.

9 For the 1989-1990 school year and each year thereafter, no
10 school district shall receive less funding on account of dental
11 hygienist services than was received for the 1988-1989 school
12 year.

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14 Section 3. The increase in reimbursement for nurse services
15 provided for under section 2505.1 of the act shall be paid only
16 for nurses employed prior to the effective date of this act. The
17 entire salary of each additional nurse employed by a school
18 district or joint school board in order to comply with the new
19 nurse per pupil ratios established in section 1402(a.1) of the
20 act shall be paid by the Commonwealth. The provisions of section
21 1402(a.1) of the act shall not become effective until the
22 additional funding required under that section is appropriated.

23 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.