THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 427 Session of 2003

INTRODUCED BY DALLY, CORRIGAN, CRAHALLA, CRUZ, DAILEY, DENLINGER, DeWEESE, FICHTER, FORCIER, GINGRICH, GRUCELA, HARHART, HERMAN, HERSHEY, JAMES, LAUGHLIN, LEWIS, O'NEILL, PAYNE, PISTELLA, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROBERTS, ROSS, SATHER, SCAVELLO, TIGUE, VANCE, WALKO, WASHINGTON, WILT, WOJNAROSKI AND YOUNGBLOOD, OCTOBER 1, 2003

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER 1, 2003

A RESOLUTION

Directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a 1 2 study of the laws of other states which regulate the ratio of 3 certified school nurses to students. WHEREAS, The critical link between optimal health and school 4 5 achievement is widely recognized; and 6 WHEREAS, Certified school nurses provide support in 7 accordance with current medical practice and nursing standards 8 as well as relevant statutes and regulations; and 9 WHEREAS, Certified school nurses are professional members of educational teams and valued community resources for students, 10 staff and families; therefore be it 11 12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint 13 State Government Commission to conduct a study on how other states' laws provide for certified school nursing services 14 within a school environment, to include, but not be limited to, 15 16 the ratio of special needs students to nursing services, state

educational requirements for employment as a certified school
nurse in respective states and the ratio of regular education
students to nursing services; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission report 5 its findings to the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the 6 House of Representatives within six months of the adoption of 7 this resolution.