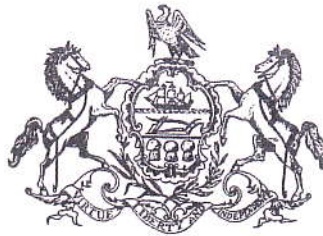


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Rep. Mark B. Cohen, Chair
Democratic Human Services Committee *Mark B. Cohen*

DATE: June 9, 2011

RE: Support for School Nurse Legislation

Rep. Mark Keller has made me aware of a very important issue I wish to bring to everyone's attention. We need to act to help the critical work that school nurses provide.

Rep. Keller has introduced HB 1253, PN 1476. This bill seeks to increase our support for school nurses from \$7 to \$12 per student. What is shocking is this amount has not been increased since 1979.

We should consider that not only has inflation eroded this level of support, but that the costs of health care have consistently risen faster than inflation. Further, a lot has happened in children's health since 1979. There are higher levels of childhood obesity, diabetes, allergies, and other health care concerns today than existed in 1979. School nurses are more challenged today. They deserve our increased support.

In the meantime, to show your support, I ask you to please inform Rep. Mark Keller that you will be adding your name as a co-sponsor to the bill. This is an important piece of legislation that I urge we pass.

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Bill Information

History

Regular Session 2011-2012 House Bill 1253

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Short Title: An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in reimbursements by Commonwealth and between school districts, further providing for State reimbursement for health services.

Actions: Referred to EDUCATION, April 7, 2011