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HOUSE BILL 433
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/29/25

Short Title: Registered Nurses in Schools.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 19, 2025

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM REQUIRING A
3 SCHOOL NURSE TO HOLD OR OBTAIN A FOUR-YEAR DEGREE AND TO REQUIRE
4 THAT REGISTERED NURSES WITH AT LEAST TWO YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN A
5 HOSPITAL OR HEALTH CLINIC SERVING AS A SCHOOL NURSE BE PAID UNDER
6 THE CERTIFIED SCHOOL NURSE PAY SCALE.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-315(d2) reads as rewritten:

9 "(d2) School Nurses. – The State Board of Education, in accordance with subsection (d) of
10 this section, ~~may shall~~ adopt rules to establish the qualifications and training required to be hired
11 or contracted for as a ~~certified~~ school nurse ~~except the~~ subject to the following:

12 (1) ~~The Board may shall not require or impose a requirement that would require~~
13 ~~a school nurse to obtain a four-year degree as a condition of~~
14 ~~employment degree.~~

15 (2) The Board shall require that a school nurse who meets all of the following
16 criteria be paid under the certified school nurse pay scale as established by the
17 Board:

18 a. Is a registered nurse licensed under Article 9A of Chapter 90 of the
19 General Statutes.

20 b. Has at least two years of experience serving in a hospital or health
21 clinic."

22 **SECTION 2.** The State Board of Education has authority to adopt temporary rules
23 to enact the provisions of this act until such a time as permanent rules can be adopted.

24 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to school nurses
25 hired or contracted for as a school nurse on or after that date.



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