

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 99

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 93

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 99—Relative to school nurses.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 99, Swanson. School nurses: salaries.

This measure would urge school districts to take the necessary steps to increase school nurse salaries.

WHEREAS, California's credentialed school nurses are pivotal members of a coordinated public school health system, delivering services to children and thereby eliminating health disparities and barriers and supporting academic success for all children; and

WHEREAS, School nurses provide vital links between public and private resources and programs; collaboration between schools and health and human services agencies to bring school and community services to schools; and support efforts to connect families to insurance programs to meet the needs of children and families; and

WHEREAS, In addition to providing valuable health care services to pupils, school nurses perform duties as health managers, managing treatment and medication for pupils with a variety of ailments, including, but not limited to, attention deficit disorder, diabetes, and asthma; and

WHEREAS, When children dealing with serious medical conditions such as cancers, transplants, seizures, and cardiac conditions are released from the hospital, school nurses provide vital services by reintegrating the sick children back into the general population of the school; and

WHEREAS, There is a severe shortage of California school nurses, with only one school nurse per 4,000 pupils, a ratio that fails to meet federal standards of one school nurse per 750 pupils; and

WHEREAS, In order to encourage nurses to seek employment by public schools, as well as to retain nurses already employed by public schools, it is vital that salaries are increased for school nurses; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby urges school districts to take the steps necessary to increase school nurse salaries; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.