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## SUMMARY

Creates position of School Nurse Specialist in Department of Education. Requires School Nurse Specialist to be registered nurse. Specifies responsibilities of School Nurse Specialist.

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the School Nurse Specialist.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1. The position of School Nurse Specialist is created in the Department of Education. The School Nurse Specialist must be a registered nurse licensed under ORS 678.010 to 678.410. The responsibilities of the School Nurse Specialist include, but are not limited to:**

**(1) Coordinating and collaborating with the State School Nursing Consultant within the Oregon Health Authority to monitor, interpret, synthesize and disseminate information relevant to changes in health care, school nursing practices, law and regulations and other legal issues that impact schools.**

**(2) Translating public health policy and guidance to effectively implement school health services.**

**(3) Informing school policy and practice related to student health, including school nursing and program guidance for the department and other state agencies.**

**(4) Supporting and leading the integration of coordinated school health teams and providing assistance in sustaining the teams.**

**(5) Providing technical assistance to department staff in the devel-**

1 opment of education policy that reflects an understanding of how  
2 school health impacts learning.

3 (6) Identifying health-related barriers and supporting the creation  
4 of policy for the school setting that:

5 (a) Incorporates evidence-based best practices in protocols and  
6 standards of care to eliminate or minimize the impacts of health-  
7 related barriers;

8 (b) Improves access to school health services for underserved pop-  
9 ulations;

10 (c) Reduces chronic absenteeism; and

11 (d) Supports educational equity.

12 (7) Providing leadership in the delivery of nursing services in  
13 schools and an understanding of the requirements to implement and  
14 provide comprehensive communicable disease management and inte-  
15 grated health services.

16 (8) Providing medical expertise to department staff for medical is-  
17 sues and needs related to the provision of special education and related  
18 services, including 504 Plans, as defined in ORS 343.154, and individ-  
19 ualized education programs, as defined in ORS 343.035.

20 (9) Serving as a liaison and expert resource in school health and  
21 school nursing programs for local, regional and national educators and  
22 policymaking bodies.