

- SUBJECT:** Requiring parental notification on the presence of school nurses
- COMMITTEE:** Public Education — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 11 ayes — Aycock, Allen, J. Davis, Deshotel, Dutton, Farney, Huberty, K. King, Ratliff, J. Rodriguez, Villarreal
- 0 nays
- SENATE VOTE:** On final passage, April 23 — 31-0
- WITNESSES:** No public hearing
- DIGEST:** A public school, including an open-enrollment charter school, that did not have a full-time nurse or an equivalent assigned for more than 30 consecutive instructional days in the same school year would provide written notice of the absence of a nurse to the parent or guardian of each enrolled student. Two or more nurses assigned to the same school whose combined presence covered all regular instructional hours on campus would be considered the equivalent of a full-time nurse.
- The principal of the school would provide notice within the first 30 days after the first instructional day that the school did not have an assigned full-time nurse. The school would make a good-faith effort to present this notice in bilingual form for the benefit of parents or guardians whose primary language was not English, and would retain a copy of the notice.
- This notice requirement would be satisfied by posting the notice on the school's website, which would have to be accessible within three links of the home page.
- A school district in a county with a population fewer than 100,000 would not be required to provide this notice to parents.
- This bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2013, and would apply beginning with the 2013-2014 school year.