SENATE BILL 6321

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1 AN ACT Relating to school nurses; and creating new sections.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature recognizes that many 4 students in the K-12 public and private school settings need 5 appropriate nursing services to actively and fully participate and benefit from their education. It is also recognized that there has 6 been a growing number of children in public and private schools who 7 need nursing services and that information on these changing conditions 8 is presently lacking. 9

10 The legislative budget committee shall NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. 11 conduct or cause to be conducted a study on the need for school nurses 12 in public and private schools in the state and possible funding 13 The study shall include data on the number of school nurses sources. 14 presently working in all school districts in Washington state. Ιt 15 shall also include the following information on the types of nursing 16 care needs of children in school settings: Nursing procedures and treatments currently provided, chronic illness, types of disabilities, 17 18 and acuity or fragility of students receiving care. The report shall

1 include an analysis of how school districts presently determine their 2 own need for school nurses. The study shall be conducted during the 3 1996-97 school year and shall be reported to the appropriate committees 4 of the legislature by December 1, 1997.

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