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## Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

An act to require each public elementary school in Kentucky to employ one full-time nurse.

Section 1: This law will pertain to all schools that receive public school funds. In lieu of the increasing number of health concerns within the Public School System, this bill would require all public schools in Kentucky to employ one full-time school nurse. Currently in Kentucky, school nurses are at an all time low. Research shows that schools can be optimal places to reach children living in poverty; in Kentucky, more than 27% of all children live below the poverty line. Employing school nurses will help faciliate positive response to normal development, promote health and safety within the school, and intervene with actual and potential health problems—including diabetes, asthma, cuts, bruises, and broken bones.

Section 2: This bill is important to the well-being of our students and student health which ultimately reflects on the student success in the classroom. Providing the need for health barriers to be addressed during school hours, especially in cases of an emergency.

Section 3: Funding for this bill will be provided by the school district, increasing the school tax by 1.5%.

Section 4: This bill will be enforced by the State of Kentucky and each school district.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2016.