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05/06/2025	4459	Introduction and first reading Referred to Health and Human Services

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to health; requiring the Department of Health to employ a public health

1.3school health services consultant; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota

1.4Statutes, chapter 144.

1.5BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6Section 1. **[144.063] PUBLIC HEALTH SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES**

1.7**CONSULTANT.**

1.8Subdivision 1. **Employment of public health school health services consultant.** The

1.9Department of Health must employ a public health school health services consultant to

1.10improve health and educational outcomes among children and adolescents in educational

1.11settings.

1.12Subd. 2. **Requirements for position.** The public health school health services consultant

1.13employed by the department under subdivision 1 must be a registered nurse who:

1.14(1) is registered as a public health nurse in Minnesota;

1.15(2) is licensed as a school nurse in Minnesota;

1.16(3) has a minimum of three years of experience as a licensed school nurse serving schools;

1.17(4) has demonstrated expertise in public health nursing as it relates to school health for

1.18children and adolescents in educational settings; and

1.19(5) possesses comprehensive knowledge of population-based school health issues, access

1.20to health services in schools, public health principles, health education, school-based health

1.21services, and the relationship between health and educational outcomes.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Duties.** The public health school health services consultant employed by the
2.2 department under subdivision 1 must:

2.3 (1) develop, implement, evaluate, and maintain state and local policies and programs
2.4 that address the health needs of children and adolescents in educational settings;

2.5 (2) support educational institutions in sustaining and advancing professional skills in
2.6 school health leadership, health communication, and health promotion;

2.7 (3) provide technical assistance, guidance, training, and consultation on school health
2.8 best practices that enhance the health and well-being of children and adolescents in
2.9 educational settings;

2.10 (4) identify, develop, and distribute resources on school health best practices to enhance
2.11 the capacity and readiness of school nurses and other school health professionals to
2.12 effectively and safely meet the health needs of children and adolescents in educational
2.13 settings;

2.14 (5) develop and disseminate guidance for school nurses and other school health
2.15 professionals on the effective implementation of health promotion activities;

2.16 (6) expand access to online and asynchronous continuing education and professional
2.17 development programs for school nurses and other school health professionals, with a focus
2.18 on best practices that support the health and well-being of children and adolescents in
2.19 educational settings;

2.20 (7) collect school health workforce data to evaluate the effectiveness of health services
2.21 provided in educational settings;

2.22 (8) collaborate with the Department of Education; school-based health centers as defined
2.23 in section 145.903, subdivision 1; and other state agencies to coordinate health-related
2.24 services for children and adolescents in educational settings; and

2.25 (9) provide the services and supports described in clauses (1) to (8) to public health
2.26 departments, schools, and national agencies, as necessary, to address the health-related
2.27 needs of children and adolescents in educational settings.