

110TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 6201

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to eligible States for the purpose of reducing the student-to-school nurse ratio in public secondary schools, elementary schools, and kindergarten.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 5, 2008

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York (for herself and Mrs. CAPPS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Student to School  
5 Nurse Ratio Improvement Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. REDUCING STUDENT-TO-SCHOOL NURSE RATIOS.**

2 Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act (42  
3 U.S.C. 296 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the  
4 following:

5 **“PART J—SCHOOL NURSES**

6 **“SEC. 861. REDUCING STUDENT-TO-SCHOOL NURSE RATIOS.**

7 “(a) GRANTS.—The Secretary, acting through the  
8 Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-  
9 tion, may make grants to eligible States for the purpose  
10 of reducing the student-to-school nurse ratio in public sec-  
11 ondary schools, elementary schools, and kindergarten.

12 “(b) REPORT.—Not later than 12 months after the  
13 date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall  
14 submit to the Congress a report on the results of the grant  
15 program carried out under this section, including an eval-  
16 uation of the effectiveness of the program in improving  
17 the student-to-school nurse rations described in subsection  
18 (a) and an evaluation of the impact of any resulting en-  
19 hanced health of students on learning.

20 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

21 “(1) The terms ‘elementary school’ and ‘sec-  
22 ondary school’ have the meanings given to those  
23 terms in section 9101 of the Elementary and Sec-  
24 ondary Education Act of 1965.

25 “(2) The term ‘eligible State’ means a State in  
26 which the student-to-school nurse ratio in public sec-

1       ondary schools, elementary schools, and kinder-  
2       garten is 1000 or more students to every school  
3       nurse.

4               “(3) The term ‘nurse’ shall have such meaning  
5       as specified by the Director.

6       “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To  
7       carry out this section, there are authorized to be appro-  
8       priated such sums as may be necessary for each of the  
9       fiscal years 2009 through 2013.”.

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