

Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB1719

House of Origin	☒ Introduced	☐ Substitute	☐ Engrossed
Second House	☐ In Committee	☐ Substitute	☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron** Lewis

3. **Committee** Education

4. **Title** Nurse, licensed; local school boards to employ for each school.

5. **Summary/Purpose:** Requires local school boards to employ one licensed nurse for each school.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** See Item 8.

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** Yes, Item 135.

8. **Fiscal implications:** Currently, school divisions are *encouraged* to employ, or contract with local health departments for, one nurse per 1,000 students. However, such language is not to be interpreted as suggesting that those schools with more than 1,000 students should need to employ more than one nurse. This legislation would *require* that one nurse be employed for each school in the Commonwealth. This results in the need to hire additional nurses which would cost the state an additional **\$12.5 million** in FY 2008, based on the Governor's Introduced Budget (HB1650/SB750). This amount is the additional state share to fund one nurse per school, net of the prevailing state costs for nurses. This estimate assumes that the change would not be effective until July 1, 2007. There would also be an additional cost to local school divisions.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Direct Aid to Public Education, local school divisions.

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No.

11. **Other comments:** None.

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