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**SENATE BILL 5271**

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**State of Washington 69th Legislature 2025 Regular Session**

**By** Senators Wellman, Slatter, Nobles, Shewmake, and Valdez

AN ACT Relating to requiring school districts of the first class to employ a school nurse; and amending RCW 28A.210.300.

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

**Sec.**  RCW 28A.210.300 and 1975 c 43 s 20 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The board of directors of any school district of the second class, as provided in RCW 28A.300.065, may employ a regularly licensed physician ((~~or a licensed public health nurse~~)), a registered nurse, or an advanced registered nurse practitioner for the purpose of protecting the health of the ((~~children~~)) students in said district.

(2)(a) The board of directors of any school district of the first class, as provided in RCW 28A.300.065, must employ a school nurse for the purpose of protecting the health of the students in said district.

(b) For the purposes of this subsection, "school nurse" means a registered nurse or an advanced registered nurse practitioner who holds a valid educational staff associate certificate for school nurses.

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