



S.F. No. 1354 – School Health Advisory Committee

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Section 1. **School Health Advisory Committee.**

Subdivision 1. **School health advisory committee established.** Establishes an advisory committee to advise the governor and legislature on policies and practices related to school health.

Subd. 2. **Duties.**

(a) Directs the advisory committee to review and recommend programs that:

- 1) are effective in safeguarding and promoting the health of children at school;
- 2) prevent or remediate health barriers to learning;
- 3) include accurate health status appraisals and documentation of the needs of children;
- 4) include evidence-based school nursing services and health services provided by professional school nurses and unlicensed assistive personnel; and
- 5) align with the standards of practice for school nursing practice.

(b) Directs the advisory committee to identify essential student health data to collect and report annually the health needs of Minnesota school children, including to the health needs of students with special needs or health conditions and students with barriers to learning. Directs the advisory committee to identify inefficient or ineffective health or educational practices and recommend remediation.

(c) Directs the advisory committee to establish a safe, effective, and coordinated model of school services for children with chronic and acute health conditions that facilitates a sustained school environment and protects the health of children while supporting their academic achievement.

(d) Directs the advisory committee to establish a model of school services that facilitates coordinated care between medical and health care systems and schools, including timely communication of a child's health status and the impact of their health status on learning and other educational challenges.

(e) Directs the advisory committee to recommend funding streams for school health services.

Subd. 3. **Membership.** Requires the governor to appoint members for two-year terms. The following members must be appointed by September 1, 2025:

- 1) three registered nurses or licensed school nurses;
- 2) one public health nurse serving in a school;
- 3) one pediatrician;
- 4) one family practice physician;
- 5) one pediatric nurse practitioner;
- 6) one health care provider specialized in chronic or complex health conditions;
- 7) one child or adolescent mental health practitioner;
- 8) one student services educator, school psychologist, school social worker, school counselor, or school chemical health specialist;
- 9) one school board member;
- 10) one school administrator;
- 11) one special education administrator;
- 12) two parents of different children with special health care needs;
- 13) one representative of the Minnesota Board of Nursing;
- 14) one administrator from the Department of Education;
- 15) one administrator from the Department of Health; and
- 16) four legislators, two members of the house of representatives and two members of the senate.

Subd. 4. **Meetings and reporting.** Requires the advisory committee to meet monthly for the first year and then at least quarterly. Requires an annual report to the governor and the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and kindergarten through grade 12 on their guidance for policies and practices related to school health.

Subd. 5. **Administration.** Directs the Departments of Health and Education, with assistance from the Board of Nursing, to provide administrative support.



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