

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 430**

By Ms. Flanagan of Leominster, petition of Jennifer L. Flanagan and others for legislation to ensure adequate nursing services at public schools. Education.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PETITION OF:

Jennifer L. Flanagan	Stephen L. DiNatale
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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT ENSURING ADEQUATE NURSING SERVICES AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Section 53 of chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended  
2 in its entirety to read as follows:—  
3 Section 53. The School committee shall appoint school physi-  
4 cians; nurse practitioners and registered nurses with the DOE licen-  
5 sure, shall assign them to the public schools within its jurisdiction,  
6 shall provide them with all the proper facilities for the performance  
7 of their duties, and shall assign one or more physicians or nurse  
8 practitioners operating under the direction of the physician to the  
9 examination of children who apply for health certificates required by  
10 Section eighty-seven of Chapter one hundred forty-nine, but in cities  
11 where the medical inspection hereinafter prescribed is substantially  
12 provided by the board of health, said board shall appoint and assign

13 the school physicians; nurse practitioners and registered nurses with  
14 DOE school nurse licensure, provided however that school districts  
15 must meet minimum staffing requirements of school physicians;  
16 nurse practitioners and registered nurses with DOE school nurse  
17 licensure established by the Department of Public Health and that  
18 each school with five hundred or more students shall be assigned at  
19 minimum one full-time physician, nurse practitioner or registered  
20 nurse with DOE school nurse licensure.