

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 77  
Education/Higher Education Committee Substitute Adopted 3/5/25

Short Title: School Contracted Health Services.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 12, 2025

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW PARENT CHOICE IN NURSING SERVICE PROVIDERS REQUIRED  
3 BY AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-111.2 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 115C-111.2. Contracts with private service providers.**

7 (a) Local educational agencies furnishing special education and related services to  
8 children with disabilities may contract with private special education facilities or service  
9 providers to furnish ~~any of these services that the public providers are unable to furnish services.~~

10 (b) As used in this subsection, "nursing services" are services that may only be provided  
11 by nurses licensed in accordance with Article 9A of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes. When  
12 providing nursing services pursuant to a child's IEP, local educational agencies shall make  
13 available the parent's choice of nurse if all of the following apply:

14 (1) The child's IEP requires nursing services.

15 (2) The child received nursing services from the nurse (i) prior to the nursing  
16 services being required by the child's IEP or (ii) prior to the child enrolling in  
17 his or her current school.

18 (3) The parent's choice of nurse is employed by a nursing agency and willing to  
19 provide the nursing services required by the child's IEP.

20 (4) The nursing agency employing the parent's choice of nurse meets all standard  
21 contract terms required for any other nursing agency contracted by the local  
22 educational agency, including licensing and liability requirements.

23 (5) The contracted rate is equal to or less than the contracted rate of other nurses  
24 contracted by the local educational agency.

25 (c) This section shall not be construed to limit the local educational agency's  
26 responsibility to provide a free appropriate public education."

27 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
28 the 2025-2026 school year.

