

**Appropriation Act Language on the School Health Incentive Fund Program
Item 147 C. 13. a. through f. of Chapter 899 (2002 Appropriation Act)**

“13. School Health Incentive Payments

a. An additional payment of \$1,734,390 the first year and \$1,731,753 the second year from the general fund shall be disbursed by the Department of Education to local school divisions as incentive payments for the provision of nursing services to students in public elementary and secondary schools.

b. These incentive payments shall be based on a state share of an additional 0.637 hour of nursing services per child eligible for the Federal Free Lunch program for each school division.

c. To receive funding, each school division must submit a grant application, reviewed by its School Health Advisory Board, describing how the funds are to be used. Local school divisions are encouraged to consider collaborative, innovative, and nontraditional approaches to funding and service configuration such as public/private partnerships.

d. In order to receive the state allocation in the first year, the local school division must have utilized its funding under the Standards of Quality for the provision of nursing services in fiscal year 2001 or must have provided the equivalent level of services through some other arrangement in fiscal year 2001. If any school division does not meet this standard, then the amount of incentive funds for which it is eligible in the first year will be reduced to the same percentage of the Standards of Quality funding as was used for nursing services in fiscal year 2001.

e. Local school divisions shall provide a local match based on the composite index of local ability-to-pay.

f. If local school divisions employ licensed practical nurses or unlicensed assistive personnel using this funding, those persons must be supervised and trained by a registered nurse or someone licensed at a higher level than registered nurse.”