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**Mission:** **Leading quality health care in West Virginia**

**Vision:** **Empowering all nurses in West Virginia to leverage the transformation of health care** **by advocacy, quality, and collaboration**

**2025 LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP**

**HB 2776 / SB 460 (Multiple): Relating to Childhood Immunizations: Keep WV Childhood Immunization Standards Strong**

**DEFEATED TWICE in one 60-day legislative session. Governor Morrisey still has executive orders in place, we are watching to see what will happen.**

* West Virginia’s school immunization policies are effective and have been in place for over a decade. These policies have proven remarkably successful in protecting our students and allows all West Virginians the freedom to live in communities that are protected from vaccine-preventable diseases.

**SB 810/HB 3261: Clarifying Requirements of Administration of Anesthesia and Chronic Pain Practice by Certain Licensed Nurses**

**COMPLETED LEGISLATION – Waiting for Governor Morrisey to sign.**

**Sponsors:** Rucker (Jefferson), Fuller (Wayne), Taylor (Taylor), Bartlett (Kanawha), Rose (Monongalia), Roberts (Raleigh), Maynard (Wayne), Hard (Mingo), Helton (Fayette)

* Certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) to practice in cooperation with physicians
* CRNAs are working in almost every hospital in WV that provides anesthesia services
* Removal of supervision for CRNAs has passed overwhelmingly in the House for the past 3 years
* CRNAs administered anesthesia through Governor Justice’s Executive Orders throughout the pandemic
* CRNAs have proven themselves safe and effective team players by proving their ability to practice safely while providing health care for West Virginians

**HB 2544/SB 660: Remove Restrictions for Supervising Physicians for Nurse Practitioners or Physician Assistants in West Virginia**

**HOLDING – Delegate Worrell promised to run it in 2026 (wanted SB 810 to complete legislative process).**

**Sponsors:** White (Berkeley), Anders (Berkeley), Ridenour (Jefferson), McGeehan (Hancock), Crouse (Putnam), Kump (Berkeley), Hite (Berkeley), Hornby (Berkeley), Parsons (Jackson), Dillon (Wayne)

* HB 2544 removes unnecessary government restrictions on nurse practitioners (NPs), certified nurse- midwives (CNMs), certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs), clinical nurse specialists (CNSs), and physician assistants (PAs)
* Increases access to care, especially in rural areas
* Cuts red tape and aligns WV with 24 states, the VA, and the U.S. military
* This is a pro-patient autonomy, anti-regulation, and anti-bureaucracy bill

**SB 482: Certified Professional Midwife Licensing and Regulation**

**HELD UP - in the House on second reading.**

 **Sponsors:** Woodrum (Summers), Rucker (Jefferson), Hamilton (Monongalia)

* To House Government Organization 03/04/2025; passed in Senate 03/03/2025
* A bill to create licensure for the state’s certified professional midwives (CPMs)
* Certified professional midwives are licensed in 37 states and DC and serve patients in home birth and birthing center settings
* CPMs are part of the solution to the state’s maternity care provider shortage
* The CPM credential is certified by the same organization that certifies the CNM (certified nurse-midwife) credential, a mark of its high standards
* This bill will allow CPMs to order medical testing, order medical devices, and use medications necessary for providing midwife care

**HB 3023: Requiring Each County School Board to Employ at Least One Full Time School Nurse**

**HELD UP - in the House Education Committee.**

**Sponsors:** Hott (Grant), Kelly (Tyler), Fehrenbacher (Wood), Jeffries (Kanawha), Dittman (Braxton), Mazzocchi (Logan), Hall (Kanawha), Cooper (Summers)

* To House Education 02/27/2025
* Each county school board should employ at least one full-time school nurse in each school
* Specialized health procedures that require a licensed health professional’s skill, knowledge, and judgement may be performed only by school nurses
* In collaboration with the student’s provider, a school nurse may delegate health care procedures to a trained school employee monitored or supervised by the school nurse. Note: “specialized health procedures” means, but is not limited to, catheterization, suctioning of tracheostomy, nasogastric tube feeding, or gastrostomy tube feeding

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