Section one of Public Act No. 13-187, An Act Concerning a School Nurse Advisory Council and An Advisory Council on Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcal Infections, calls for the School Nurse Advisory Council (SNAC) to advise the Commissioners of Public Health and Education and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly of Public Health and Education on matters relating to education and public health concerning (1) professional development for school nurses; (2) school nurse staffing levels; (3) the delivery of health care services by school nurses in schools and other matters that affect school nurses; (4) protocols for Emergency Medication Administration; and (5) protocols for evaluating certain temporary medical conditions that may be symptomatic of serious illnesses or injuries.

The Council Members consider the needs of districts in Connecticut in the development of recommendations for submission. The Council includes recommendations for professional development for school nurses. The Council also includes and respectfully requests that the 1982 regulations for school nurses undergo serious consideration for revision. Current law and regulations remain unchanged since 1982 and do not address the complexity of school health in 2020.

The Council submits the enclosed recommendations for 2020 for your consideration. The Council respectfully requests a response regarding the 2020 recommendations. Members are available should information is needed to guide your response.

Thank you for your anticipated attention.

Respectfully submitted,

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