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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair  
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### AB 815 (Luz Rivas) - School nurses: credentialing

**Version:** July 8, 2021

**Urgency:** No

**Hearing Date:** August 26, 2021

**Policy Vote:** ED. 5 - 0

**Mandate:** No

**Consultant:** Lenin Del Castillo

**Bill Summary:** This bill authorizes the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) to approve a school nurse credentialing program offered by a local educational agency (LEA).

\*\*\*\*\* **ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE** \*\*\*\*\*

The following information is revised to reflect amendments  
adopted by the committee on August 26, 2021

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

- The bill's authorization for CTC to approve LEA-based school nursing credentialing programs could result in additional one-time costs in the tens of thousands of dollars for each LEA to develop and submit a new nursing program to CTC for approval. Additionally, a participating LEA is likely to incur ongoing costs estimated to be in the tens of thousands of dollars each year to offer the program for free to a single cohort of students. To the extent that a program charges a program candidate fees to participate, these costs could be lower.
- The CTC indicates it would incur additional special fund costs to evaluate school nurse credentialing programs seeking authorization offered by an LEA. Specifically, each program review process would require 0.1 staff or about \$15,000 and these costs would need to be absorbed by its reserves for the 2021-22 fiscal year since the Budget Act suspends accreditation fees for that year. The CTC also estimates that given the workload necessary for an LEA to create a school nurse credentialing program, there would be between one and five LEAs seeking authorization in the near term.

**Committee Amendments:** Limit the bill's authorization to LEAs that served 40,000 or more students during the 2019-20 fiscal year.

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