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SENATE AMENDMENT " " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 362, L.D. 1108, Bill, "An Act To Restore Public Health Nursing Services"

Amend the amendment in section A-2 by striking out all of §1964 (page 2, lines 1 to 8 in amendment) and inserting the following:

§1964. Required staffing

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and without further approval or justification, the department shall promptly fill all public health nurse positions within the Public Health Nursing Program for which funding is provided.

The department shall widely post public notices for public health nurse vacancies under this section on publicly accessible state websites and in other appropriate locations. Public notice must be posted within 30 days of the effective date of this section for vacancies then existing and within 30 days of each subsequent vacancy that occurs. The department shall recruit and hire qualified individuals for these vacant positions.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the department may not transfer or otherwise repurpose any funds appropriated or allocated for the salaries, benefits and other costs of public health nurses and the services they provide.'

Amend the amendment on page 2 in the 4th indented paragraph in the last line (page 2, line 19 in amendment) by striking out the following: "October" and inserting the following: 'December'

Amend the amendment on page 2 in the 4th indented paragraph in the last line (page 2, line 19 in amendment) by striking out the following: "January" and inserting the following: 'February'

Amend the amendment on page 2 in line 21 by striking out the following: "and inserting the following:" and inserting the following: '!

Amend the amendment by striking out all of Part C.

SUMMARY

This amendment requires the Department of Health and Human Services to promptly fill all public health nurse positions within the Public Health Nursing Program for which

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1 funding is provided. It prohibits the transfer or otherwise repurposing of any funds  
2 appropriated or allocated for the salaries, benefits and other costs of public health nurses  
3 and the services they provide. It changes reporting deadlines for the Director of the  
4 Public Health Nursing Program under the Department of Health and Human Services to  
5 report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on the progress of  
6 the department in achieving full staffing of the Public Health Nursing Program. The  
7 amendment also removes the appropriations and allocations section.

8 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

9 **(See attached)**

10 SPONSORED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

11 (Senator HAMPER)

12 COUNTY: Oxford