

HB 320 -- SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CARE CLINICS

SPONSOR: Barnes

This bill requires the Department of Social Services to develop incentive programs, submit state plan amendments, and apply for necessary waivers to permit rural health clinics, federally-qualified health centers, or other primary care practices to co-locate on the property of public elementary and secondary schools with 50% or more students who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch. Any school-based health care clinic is prohibited from performing or referring for abortion services or providing or referring for contraceptive drugs or devices. The consent of a parent or guardian must be required before a minor can receive health care services from a school-based health care clinic. These provisions will be null and void unless and until any necessary waivers are granted by the federal government. The bill requires the department to provide assistance to public elementary and secondary schools with 50% or more students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunch in order to establish on-site telehealth clinics on the campuses of the schools. Assistance must include:

- (1) Assistance with identifying a telehealth clinic implementation model;
- (2) Assistance with identifying and securing funding for equipment, staff, and other telehealth clinic expenses;
- (3) Assistance with creating linkages with primary care practices, rural health clinics, and federally-qualified health centers; and
- (4) Providing the opportunity to schools to apply for a one-time grant for the purchase of necessary technology to establish an on-site telehealth clinic.