

2026 NASN Legislative Priorities

Support the Nurses for Under-Resourced Schools Everywhere (NURSE) Act

NASN urges Congress to pass the bipartisan **Nurses for Under-Resourced Schools Everywhere (NURSE) Act** (H.R. 3262), introduced by Representative Dina Titus (D-NV) and Representative Jen Kiggans (R-VA), which would recognize the critical role of school nurses in providing students access to quality health care so that they are healthy, safe, and ready to learn.

Protect the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

NASN urges Congress to protect the **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)** by preserving its home and administration within the U.S. Department of Education. Congress enacted IDEA 50 years ago and it was a pivotal moment for people with disabilities, who had long been denied access to public education. Moving IDEA away from the Department of Education would weaken oversight and disrupt school-based implementation.

Reauthorize Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs

NASN urges Congress to pass the bipartisan, bicameral **Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act** of 2025 (S 1874/HR 3593). The programs bolster nursing education at all levels, from entry-level preparation through graduate study, and support academic institutions and the nurse faculty who prepare today's nursing students to be tomorrow's expert clinicians.