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In reference to Regulation ID #16A-5130 (#2608), the proposal for Continuing Education for Professional Nurses, please accept all act 48 credits approved for certified school nurses as professional nursing continuing education credits. These credits are directly related to our positions as educators & nurses. It takes a great deal of time outside of work to acquire the 180 Act 48 credits required each 5 years for our school nurse positions. If additional credits are required it will be difficult for school nurses to find the time to get them.

The law states, "School nurses who as certified education specialists are required to obtain continuing professional education under section 1205.2 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the 'Public School Code of 1949,' and under this act, shall be permitted to submit evidence of the completion of education courses approved for their certification by the school district."

I am also wondering about the \$75 fee/credit in the proposal. Is that for a program/course that wishes to get continuing education credit approval or is that a fee that nurses will have to individually pay to receive the credit? It sounds like an exorbitant fee for nurses to pay individually since 30 credits are being required.

Sincerely,



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