

SB 66**Hinojosa****Epinephrine Auto-Injectors (EpiPens) in Public Schools**

Provides for the establishment, composition, compensation, and duties of an advisory committee that will examine and review the administration of an epinephrine auto-injector (EpiPen) to a person experiencing an anaphylactic reaction on a campus of a school district or open-enrollment charter school. Allows each school district and open-enrollment charter school to adopt and implement a policy regarding the maintenance, administration, and disposal of EpiPens at each campus in the district or open-enrollment charter school. Provides specific requirements or a policy adopted by a school district or open-enrollment charter school. Requires the commissioner of state health services, in consultation with the commissioner of education, to adopt rules regarding the maintenance, administration, and disposal of an EpiPen at a school campus. Requires that each school district or open-enrollment charter school that adopts a policy to have one or more school personnel members or school volunteers authorized and trained to administer an EpiPen present during all hours the campus is open. Requires the supply of EpiPens to be securely stored and accessible to school personnel and volunteers. Requires the school, not later than the 10th business day after the date a school personnel member or school volunteer administers an EpiPen, to report certain required information to the school district or charter school, the physician or other person who prescribed the EpiPen, the commissioner of education, and the commissioner of state health services.

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Requires each school district or open-enrollment charter school that adopts a policy to train school personnel and school volunteers in the administration of an EpiPen. Provides specific requirements for the training. Allows a physician or person who has been delegated prescriptive authority to prescribe EpiPens in the name of the school district or open-enrollment charter school. Requires a physician to provide the school district or open-enrollment charter with a standing order for the administration of an EpiPen to a person reasonably believed to be experiencing anaphylaxis. Provides the content requirements for the order. Requires a school district or open-enrollment charter that implements a policy to provide written notice to each student enrolled in the district or school. Allows a school district or open-enrollment charter school to accept gifts, grants, donations, and federal and local funds to implement the requirements of the bill. Requires the commissioner of education and the commissioner of state health services to jointly adopt rules. Provides immunity from civil or criminal liability or disciplinary action to any person who in good faith takes, or fails to take, any action under the provisions of the bill. Provides that no civil, criminal, or administrative cause of action or liability is created. Provides immunity from suit to a school district, open-enrollment charter school, school personnel, and school volunteers for an act or failure to act.
Earliest effective date: Immediately