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A Bill

SENATE BILL 569

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE HEALTH AND
10 SAFETY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE HEALTH
16 AND SAFETY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-711(a), concerning the administration
22 of medication for diabetes in public schools, is amended to read as follows:

23 (a) Upon written request of a parent or guardian of a student with
24 adrenal insufficiency or diabetes and authorization by the treating physician
25 of the student, a student in the classroom, in another area designated at the
26 school, on school grounds, or at a school-related activity may:

27 (1) Perform blood glucose checks;

28 (2) Administer insulin through the insulin delivery system the
29 student uses;

30 (3) Treat hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia; ~~and~~

31 (4) Possess on his or her person the necessary supplies and
32 equipment to perform adrenal insufficiency or diabetes monitoring and
33 treatment functions;

34 (5) Administer medication for adrenal insufficiency; and

35 (6) Treat low cortisol symptoms.
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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-87-103(11)(A)–(C), concerning the exceptions to prohibited nursing practices, are amended to read as follows:

(11)(A) The administration of hydrocortisone, glucagon, or insulin, ~~or both separately or together~~, to a student who is diagnosed with adrenal insufficiency or diabetes by trained volunteer school personnel designated as care providers in a health plan that covers adrenal insufficiency or diabetes management and is based on the orders of a treating physician, who have been trained by a licensed registered nurse employed by a school district or other healthcare professional to administer hydrocortisone, glucagon or insulin, ~~or both separately or together~~, to a child with adrenal insufficiency or diabetes in an emergency situation.

(B)(i) A licensed registered nurse employed by a school district or other healthcare professional shall annually train volunteer school personnel designated as care providers in a health plan of a student submitted under subdivision (11)(A) of this section to administer hydrocortisone, glucagon, or insulin, ~~or both separately or together~~, to a student with adrenal insufficiency or diabetes.

(ii) If a parent or guardian of a student with adrenal insufficiency or diabetes chooses to have care provided by a care provider, the parent or guardian of a student with adrenal insufficiency or diabetes shall sign an authorization to allow the administration of hydrocortisone, glucagon, or insulin, ~~or both separately or together~~, to the student by volunteer school personnel designated as care providers who shall be incorporated into the health plan of a student submitted under subdivision (11)(A) of this section.

(iii) The school district shall maintain a copy of the health plan provided under subdivision (11)(A) of this section, a list of volunteer school personnel who are designated as care providers and trained to administer hydrocortisone, glucagon, or insulin, ~~or both separately or together~~, and a copy of the parent’s or guardian’s signed authorization.

(C)(i) A school district shall strive to achieve the following staffing ratios for students with adrenal insufficiency or diabetes at each public school, at least:

(a) One (1) care provider for a public school with one (1) full-time licensed registered nurse; and

(b) Three (3) care providers for a public

1 school without one (1) full-time licensed registered nurse.

2 (ii) The school district may recruit and identify
3 public school personnel to serve as care providers to administer
4 hydrocortisone, glucagon, or insulin, ~~or both~~ separately or together, when a
5 licensed registered nurse is not available.

6 (iii) A school district shall not require or
7 pressure a parent or guardian of a student with adrenal insufficiency or
8 diabetes to provide adrenal insufficiency or diabetes care at school or a
9 school-related activity.

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