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A Bill

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SENATE BILL 1173

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5 By: Senator Rapert

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF EPINEPHRINE

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BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL TO CHILDREN EXPERIENCING A LIFE-

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THREATENING ANAPHYLACTIC REACTION DUE TO FOOD

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ALLERGIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-707, concerning prescription asthma

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inhaler or auto-injectable epinephrine, is amended to add additional

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subsections to read as follows:

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(e) Beginning January 1, 2014, a school district or public charter

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school in this state shall:

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(1) Adopt and implement policies for the possession and

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administration of epinephrine in each school; and

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(2) Develop a health plan to implement a certificate from a

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licensed physician under subsection (g) of this section.

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(f) Epinephrine shall be administered:

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(1)(A) By a school nurse; or

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(B) By a school district or public charter school employee

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who holds a certificate under subsection (g) of this section, is trained in



1 the administration of epinephrine and is designated as a care provider; and
 2 (2) To a student believed to be having a life-threatening
 3 anaphylactic reaction.

4 (g)(1) A licensed physician shall issue a certificate under the Insect
 5 Sting and Other Allergic Reactions Emergency Treatment Act, § 20-13-401 et
 6 seq., authorizing a school nurse or a school district or public charter
 7 school employee who is trained in the administration of epinephrine to
 8 possess and administer epinephrine.

9 (2) The certificate shall specify the circumstances under which
 10 epinephrine may be administered.

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 12 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-13-404(2), as amended by Act 757
 13 of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

14 (2) Have, or reasonably expect to have, responsibility for at
 15 least one (1) other person as a result of one's relationship or occupational
 16 or volunteer status, ~~such as~~ including without limitation parents, camp
 17 counselors, scout leaders, school nurses, ~~public~~ school teachers, other
 18 school employees, forest rangers, tour guides, or chaperones; and

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 20 /s/Rapert

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