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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 diabetes and authorization by the treating physician of the student, a
25 student in the classroom, in another area designated at the school, on school
26 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 diabetes monitoring and treatment functions;

33 (5) Administer medication for adrenal insufficiency; and

34 (6) Treat low cortisol symptoms.
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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 18, Subchapter 7, is amended



1 to add an additional section to read as follows:

2 6-18-717. Administration of medication and treatment for adrenal
3 insufficiency.

4 (a) Upon written request of a parent or guardian of a student with
5 adrenal insufficiency and authorization by the treating physician of the
6 student, the student in the classroom, in another area designated at the
7 school, on school grounds, or at a school-related activity may:

8 (1) Possess on his or her person the necessary supplies and
9 equipment to perform adrenal insufficiency monitoring and treatment;

10 (2) Administer medication for adrenal insufficiency; and

11 (3) Treat low cortisol symptoms.

12 (b) A student shall have access to a private area to perform adrenal
13 insufficiency monitoring and treatment upon request of the parent or guardian
14 of the student, as outlined in the student's health plan.

15 (c) A public school employee may volunteer to be trained to administer
16 and may administer hydrocortisone to a student with adrenal insufficiency in
17 an emergency situation as permitted under § 17-87-103(11).

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19 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-87-103(11)(A)–(C), concerning the
20 exceptions to prohibited nursing practices, are amended to read as follows:

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

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

36 (ii) If a parent or guardian of a student with

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

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

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

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

18 (b) Three (3) care providers for a public
19 school without one (1) full-time licensed registered nurse.

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

24 (iii) A school district shall not require or
25 pressure a parent or guardian of a student with adrenal insufficiency or
26 diabetes to provide adrenal insufficiency or diabetes care at school or a
27 school-related activity.

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