Senate Education Committee

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BILL SUMMARY
House Bill 803, Printer's No. 2686
Prime Sponsor: Representative Stevenson

SYNOPSIS:

House Bill 803 amends the Public School Code to permit school entities and nonpublic schools to maintain an emergency supply of epinephrine auto-injectors.

BILL ANALYSIS:

House Bill 803 amends the Public School Code to allow school entities and nonpublic schools to maintain a supply of physician-prescribed epinephrine auto-injectors, to be administered to any student believed to be having an anaphylactic reaction. These injectors can be prescribed for an individual student or for the school entity or nonpublic school.

The school nurse or individual responsible for the storage and use of the auto-injector must complete a training program developed by the Department of Health. In the event a student is having an anaphylactic reaction, the school nurse or individual responsible must call 911. Certain civil immunity provisions would apply to individuals who administer these epinephrine auto-injectors.

Parents may request exemption from emergency epinephrine administration through a signed opt-out form. The school principal must notify all parents or legal guardians of this option.

A "school entity" includes a school district, intermediate unit, charter school, cyber charter school, regional charter school or area-vocational technical school.

Effective Date: 60 days.

AMENDMENT A06022 TO HB 803:

Amendment A06022 requires storage of epinephrine auto-injectors in a safe, secure location which is consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

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