



Senate Education Committee

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BILL SUMMARY
Senate Bill 898, Printer's No. 1129
Prime Sponsor: Senator Smith

SYNOPSIS:

Senate Bill 898 amends the Public School Code to provide for school access to emergency epinephrine.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Senate Bill 898 amends the Public School Code to require 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 individuals responsible for the storage and use of the auto-injector must complete a training program developed by the Department of Health. Certain civil immunity provisions would apply to individuals who administer these epinephrine auto-injectors unless the parent or guardian has not signed such a form.

Effective Date: 60 days.

AMENDMENT TO SB 898:

This amendment changes the bill from a "shall" to a "may" provision to allow school entities and nonpublic schools to have epinephrine auto-injectors, but not require them to. For those schools with epinephrine auto-injectors, at least two individuals at the school must be educated on the use of the epinephrine auto-injectors. It also requires appropriate emergency medical services to be notified upon administration of the epinephrine.

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