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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the administration of medication in public schools.

Present law provides for requirements and restrictions relative to the administration of medication to public school students and defines "medication" as all prescription and nonprescription drugs. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the governing authority of each public school to adopt a policy authorizing a school nurse to administer auto-injectable epinephrine to a student who the school nurse, in good faith, professionally believes is having an anaphylactic reaction, whether or not such a student has a prescription for epinephrine.

Present law requires that at least one employee at each school receive training from a registered nurse or a licensed physician in the administration of auto-injectable epinephrine. Authorizes the school nurse or trained employee to administer the auto-injectable epinephrine in response to a student's anaphylactic reaction under a standing protocol from a physician licensed to practice in this state.

Present law authorizes each public school to maintain a supply of epinephrine at the school in a locked, secure, and easily accessible location. Further provides that a licensed physician may prescribe epinephrine auto-injectors in the name of the school system or the individual school.

Proposed law retains present law but removes all references to "auto-injectable" and "auto-injectors".

(Amends 17:436.1(J)(4)(a) and (5) - (7) and (K)(1) and (2))