

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 195

BY SENATOR MILLS

SCHOOLS. Provides for the administration of medication at schools by a school nurse.
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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:436.1(L), relative to administration of medication by a school nurse; to provide for a policy authorizing a school nurse to carry and administer inhalers under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:436.1(L) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§436.1. Administration of medication; definition; conditions; restrictions

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L. Notwithstanding any provision of law or any rule, regulation, or policy to the contrary, the governing authority of each public elementary and secondary school shall adopt a policy authorizing a school nurse to carry and administer inhalers, as defined in Subparagraph (J)(4)(b) of this Section, to a student who the school nurse, in good faith, professionally believes is having a symptom of wheezing, whether or not such student has a prescription for an inhaler. The school nurse may administer the inhaler to respond to a student's symptom of wheezing, under standing protocol from a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

DIGEST

Mills (SB 195)

Proposed law requires that, notwithstanding any provision of law or any rule, regulation, or policy to the contrary, the governing authority of each public elementary and secondary school adopt a policy authorizing a school nurse to carry and administer inhalers, as defined in present law, to a student who the school nurse, in good faith, professionally believes is having a symptom of wheezing, whether or not such student has a prescription for an inhaler. The school nurse may administer the inhaler to respond to a student's symptom of wheezing, under standing protocol from a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 17:436.1(L))