

SENATE BILL No. 245

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-34-4.5; IC 34-30-2-85.6.

Synopsis: Schools and auto-injectable epinephrine. Allows a health care provider with prescriptive authority to prescribe auto-injectable epinephrine to a school or school district. Sets requirements for certain individuals employed by a school or school district to fill, store, and administer auto-injectable epinephrine. Provides civil immunity for: (1) certain school employees in the administration of auto-injectable epinephrine; and (2) health care providers in the prescribing of auto-injectable epinephrine and in the training of school personnel in the administration of auto-injectable epinephrine.

Effective: July 1, 2014.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-34-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2014]:

4 **Chapter 4.5. Auto-Injectable Epinephrine**
5 **Sec. 1. (a) A school may fill a prescription for auto-injectable**
6 **epinephrine and store the auto-injectable epinephrine in the school**
7 **if a health care provider who is licensed in Indiana and whose**
8 **scope of practice includes the prescribing of medication writes the**
9 **prescription for auto-injectable epinephrine for the school or**
10 **school district.**

11 **(b) The school shall store the auto-injectable epinephrine in a**
12 **safe location in which only school personnel have access.**

13 **Sec. 2. (a) A school nurse may administer auto-injectable**
14 **epinephrine obtained under section 1 of this chapter to any of the**
15 **following individuals if the individual is demonstrating signs or**
16 **symptoms of life-threatening anaphylaxis and the individual does**



1 not have epinephrine at the school or the individual's prescription
2 is not available:

- 3 (1) Students at the school.
4 (2) School personnel.
5 (3) Visitors at the school.

6 (b) School personnel may administer auto-injectable
7 epinephrine obtained under section 1 of this chapter if the
8 following are met:

- 9 (1) The school employee has voluntarily received training in:
10 (A) recognizing anaphylaxis; and
11 (B) the proper administration of auto-injectable
12 epinephrine;

13 by a physician licensed under IC 25-22.5 or a registered nurse
14 licensed under IC 25-23, who is knowledgeable in recognizing
15 the symptoms of anaphylaxis and the administration of
16 auto-injectable epinephrine.

17 (2) The individual to whom the epinephrine is being
18 administered is:

- 19 (A) a student at the school;
20 (B) a member of school personnel; or
21 (C) a visitor at the school.

22 **Sec. 3. (a) A health care provider who is licensed in Indiana and**
23 **whose scope of practice includes the prescribing of medication may**
24 **write a prescription, drug order, or protocol for auto-injectable**
25 **epinephrine for the school or school district.**

26 **(b) A pharmacist licensed under IC 25-26 may dispense a valid**
27 **prescription, drug order, or protocol for auto-injectable**
28 **epinephrine issued in the name of a school or school district.**

29 **Sec. 4. (a) A school nurse or school employee who administers**
30 **auto-injectable epinephrine in accordance with this chapter is not**
31 **liable for civil damages resulting from the administration of**
32 **auto-injectable epinephrine under this chapter unless the act or**
33 **omission constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton**
34 **misconduct.**

35 **(b) A licensed health care provider who:**

36 **(1) writes a prescription, drug order, or protocol under this**
37 **chapter; or**

38 **(2) provides training to school personnel under this chapter;**
39 **is not liable for civil damages resulting from the administration of**
40 **auto-injectable epinephrine under this chapter.**

41 **SECTION 2. IC 34-30-2-85.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA**
42 **CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS**



1 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 85.6. IC 20-34-4.5-4 (Concerning**
2 **school nurses, school personnel, and health care providers and the**
3 **administration of auto-injectable epinephrine).**

