

SENATE BILL 117

By Briggs

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49
and Title 63, relative to adrenal insufficiency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 50, Part 16, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) "Adrenal crisis" means a sudden, severe worsening of symptoms associated with adrenal insufficiency, such as severe pain in the lower back, abdomen or legs, vomiting, diarrhea, dehydration, low blood pressure, or loss of consciousness;

(2) "Adrenal insufficiency" means a hormonal disorder that occurs when the adrenal glands do not produce enough adrenal hormones;

(3) "Nurse practitioner" means a nurse practitioner licensed under title 63, chapter 7; and

(4) "Physician" means a physician licensed under title 63, chapter 6 or 9.

(b) The state board of education, in consultation with the department of health, the board of nursing, and the board of pharmacy, shall adopt:

(1) Rules for the administration of medication that treats adrenal insufficiency by school personnel trained in accordance with this section to any student on school premises whose parent or guardian has provided for the personnel the medication in accordance with subsection (e) and who the personnel believe in good faith is experiencing an adrenal crisis.

(2) Rules adopted under this subsection (b) must:

(A) Include guidelines on the designation and training of school personnel who will be responsible for administering medication; and

(B) Specify that a local education agency (LEA) is only required to train school personnel when the LEA has been notified by a parent or guardian that a student in a school of the LEA has been diagnosed with adrenal insufficiency.

(c)

(1) Each local education agency board shall adopt policies and procedures that provide for the administration of medications that treat adrenal insufficiency.

(2) Policies and procedures adopted under subdivision (c)(1) shall be consistent with the rules adopted by the state board of education under subsection (b). An LEA board shall not require school personnel who have not received appropriate training to administer medication.

(d) Educational training on the treatment of adrenal insufficiency, as required by this section, shall be conducted under the supervision of a physician or nurse practitioner. The training may be conducted by any other health care professional licensed under title 63 as delegated by a supervising physician or nurse practitioner. The curricula shall include, at a minimum, the following subjects:

(1) General information about adrenal insufficiency and the dangers associated with adrenal insufficiency;

(2) Recognition of the symptoms of a person who is experiencing an adrenal crisis;

(3) The types of medications that are available for treating adrenal insufficiency; and

(4) Proper administration of medications that treat adrenal insufficiency.

(e) A person who has successfully completed educational training in the treatment of adrenal insufficiency as described in subsection (d) may receive from the parent or guardian of a student a medication that treats adrenal insufficiency and that is prescribed by a health care professional who has appropriate prescriptive privileges and is licensed under title 63, as well as the necessary paraphernalia for administration. The person may possess the medication and administer the medication to the student for whom the medication is prescribed if the student is suffering an adrenal crisis in an emergency situation when a licensed health care professional is not immediately available.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.