

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## ESB 5790

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**Brief Description:** Concerning medical equipment in schools.

**Sponsors:** Senators Dhingra, Wellman, Kuderer, Nobles, Trudeau, Hunt, Fortunato, Hasegawa, Lovick, Saldaña, Stanford, Valdez, Van De Wege and Wilson, C..

**Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education**  
**House Committee on Education**

**Background:** Current state law allows school districts to maintain certain health related items including epinephrine autoinjectors, opioid overdose reversal medication, and automated external defibrillators.

According to the United States Department of Homeland Security, "Stop the Bleed" is a national awareness campaign that encourages bystanders to become trained and equipped to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives.

**Summary:** Bleeding Control Equipment. Beginning in the 2026-27 school year, school districts, charter schools, and state-tribal education compact schools must maintain and make available bleeding control equipment on each school campus for use in the event of a traumatic injury. Schools must inspect and inventory this equipment annually and after each use, and replace equipment as necessary. School districts are encouraged to implement these requirements during the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.

Bleeding control equipment must include:

- a tourniquet endorsed by, or approved for use in battlefield trauma care by, the United States Department of Defense Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care;
- a compression bandage;
- a bleeding control bandage;
- latex-free gloves;
- permanent markers;
- scissors; and
- instructional documents.

The equipment may include other medical materials and equipment.

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Training. Each school must have a minimum of two employees per school who have completed training on using the bleeding control equipment. If a school has more than 1000 students it must have one trained employee per 500 students.

School districts may use trainings produced by the United States Department of Homeland Security, the American College of Surgeons, or similar organizations.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate 47 0

House 95 0 (House amended)

(Senate refuses to concur in House amendments. Asks House to recede from amendments.)

(House insists on its position and asks Senate to concur.)

Senate 47 0 (Senate concurred)

**Effective:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.