

HB 1718 -- Liability of Health Service Providers

Sponsor: Morris

This bill makes changes to the laws regarding the liability of health service providers.

The bill prohibits an unqualified employee of a public school district who refuses to administer medication or medical services from being subject to disciplinary action. If an employee provides first aid, the employee will be held harmless and immune from civil liability if the proper procedure as adopted by the local school district is followed.

A school district may require an employee to obtain the proper training to become qualified to administer medication or medical services according to standard medical practices. Qualified employees will be held harmless and immune from civil liability for administering medication and medical services in good faith, according to standard medical practices.

Each school board can develop and implement a program to train students and employees in the administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and other life-saving techniques. A school board may make completion of the program a requirement for graduation or as a condition of employment. A trained employee will be held harmless and immune from any civil liability for administering CPR or other life-saving methods in good faith.

Any trained person who has completed a course in CPR and has demonstrated proficiency in the use of an external defibrillator, who in good faith renders emergency care when medically appropriate and with the consent of the injured victim, will be held harmless and immune from civil liability for administering care or treatment.