

HB 1245 -- SCHOOL NURSES

SPONSOR: Sater

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Health Care Policy by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill allows school nurses, upon authorization by the school board, to keep on hand and administer prefilled syringes of epinephrine in two dosage strengths. The nurse may administer the medication when, based on training, he or she believes a student is having an acute anaphylactic episode. The prescription must be written by a licensed physician listing the school district as the patient, include the nurse's name, and be filled at a licensed pharmacy.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say this is a life-saving issue that allows school nurses to plan for emergencies when an allergic reaction occurs.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Sater; and Peggy Harris and Leslie Calandro, St. Louis Food Allergy Support Group.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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