

HB 1732 -- SELF-ADMINISTERED MEDICATIONS BY STUDENTS

SPONSOR: Fraser

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

Currently, the self-administration of an asthma medication inhaler by students is permissible under certain conditions. This bill revises the law by broadening permissible self-administered medications to include auto-injectible epinephrine for anaphylactic shock. The bill specifies the necessary conditions for self-administration including a written treatment plan, proof that a student has demonstrated the skill required, and a signed liability release for the school.

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

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this is a life-saving bill that will allow a student who is trained and has permission from his or her physician and school administration to self-administer epinephrine for anaphylactic shock. Children are trained by their doctors and nurses on how to take the medication, thereby reducing the likelihood of this medication being used in an adverse way.

Testifying for the bill were Representatives Fraser and Hobbs; Peggy Harris and Leslie Calandro, St. Louis Food Allergy Support Group; Mark Vandewalker, Missouri Allergy and Asthma Association; American Lung Association of Missouri; and Elizabeth Kaul.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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