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I Support Most of this Bill. However, I Propose and Would Like the Committee to Amend the Following Sections of the Proposed Bill: 1. Remove the Transfer of Child Care Licensing and Grants from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and Leave these Duties with the Department of Public Health and the Department of Social Services. 2. Remove "prohibits pleadings, attachments, and exhibits filed with the court from including any personal identifying information of a minor and any next friend, except as provided in a confidential information filing sheet."



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Dear Committee members, As parents with a child with food allergies that could be life threatening, we are writing in support of SB823, especially the portion that would allow contracted agents of schools to administer epinephrine in an emergency. Food allergies are serious and widespread. To save the life of someone experiencing a severe allergic reaction, it is vital to immediately give them a medication known as epinephrine. Many children carry epinephrine but cannot self-administer it and need an adult to do so. Currently, school bus drivers are not legally protected if they try to save students' lives by administering life-saving medicine during a severe allergic reaction. It takes less than 5 minutes to train an adult to administer epinephrine. However, school districts such as ours do not allow bus drivers to do it because bus drivers are not legally protected. The lack of legal protection for drivers to administer epinephrine to children with allergies has severe consequences. 1. Children's safety: Since every moment counts in an allergy-associated emergency, calling 911 and waiting for medical professionals could cost students their lives, as happened previously. 2. Burden on parents and damage to economy: Currently, in fear that their children are unprotected on school buses, many parents transport children with food allergies themselves, reducing their work hours and hampering Missouri's economy. 3. Unnecessary lawsuits: Without legal protection, school districts are at risk of lawsuits for not providing adequate accommodation to students with food allergies under the Rehabilitation Act, and bus drivers are also vulnerable for trying to do the right thing in an emergency. It is absurd that an adult trained to administer a life-saving medicine should be at risk of a lawsuit for trying to save the life of a child. Similar laws have passed in New York, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island, just to name a few states. Such a bill will support student safety, economic growth, and a common-sense legal system. It will be welcomed by students, educators, school districts, parents, and their employers. It costs nothing, poses no controversy and should receive bipartisan support. We ask for your kind support of this bill that could save children's lives!