

HCS HBs 1826, 2560, 2349 & 2194 -- EPINEPHRINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS

SPONSOR: Violet

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health by a vote of 17 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Legislative by a vote of 12 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1826.

This bill changes the term "epinephrine auto-injector" to "epinephrine delivery system" throughout statute, defined as a single-use device or system used for the delivery of a premeasured dose of epinephrine into the human body.

The bill adds epinephrine delivery systems to provisions of statute that permit the possession and self-administration of the medication to treat a student's chronic health condition, such as asthma or anaphylaxis.

This bill authorizes each board of education in this State to grant permission to pupils, as well as each school board in this State to grant permission to school nurses to use this medication.

The bill additionally modifies existing provisions for epinephrine possession, use limitations, and stock supply by adding epinephrine delivery systems as eligible products in nursing homes and facilities, as well as child care facilities, to the list of authorized entities.

Current law authorizes qualified first responders, as defined in the bill, to administer epinephrine auto-injectors to a person who is suffering from an apparent anaphylactic reaction. This bill extends that authorization to epinephrine delivery systems.

This bill is similar to HB 553 (2025).

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROponents: Supporters say that this bill seeks to bring the state into alignment with new technologies and administration avenues for epinephrine delivery systems beyond the current auto-

injector, to include nasal sprays and under-the-tongue films. It can be traumatic for a child to have to inject himself or herself, or to be injected in an emergency.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Violet; Linda Neumann, Mo Association of School Nurses; Arnie C. Dienoff; Missouri Chapter of The American Academy of Pediatrics; Missouri Nurses Association; and Missouri State Medical Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say the options should be available in any format to any one in any way. If the term was not included throughout statute, this bill would not be necessary.

Testifying in person on the bill was Mary Cremer.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.