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Bill Summary

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Overview

Establishes a process and procedures by which public and nonpublic schools may administer epinephrine auto-injectors on site.

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1   **Exclusions.** Excludes epinephrine auto-injectors from the general requirements for administering drugs and medicines in school: consistent with instructions on the label; and according to school board procedures developed in consultation with health care providers.

2   **Possession and use of epinephrine auto-injectors; model policy.**

   Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines "administer," "epinephrine auto-injector," and "school," which includes public schools and nonpublic schools subject to the federal Americans with Disabilities Act and excludes home schools, for purposes of this section.

   Subd. 2. Plan for use of epinephrine auto-injectors. (a) Requires an annual plan to allow a student to possess or have immediate access to epinephrine auto-injectors in school.

   (b) Encourages nonpublic schools not subject to the federal Americans with Disabilities Act to develop a similar plan for epinephrine auto-injectors.

   (d) Allows the model policy to require an assessment of a student's ability to safely possess epinephrine auto-injectors, accommodate students' need to possess or have immediate access to epinephrine auto-injectors, and ensure that epinephrine auto-

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         injectors are properly labeled.

         (e) Makes a technical change.

3   **Life-threatening allergies in schools; guidelines; stock supply of epinephrine auto-injectors; emergency administration.**

         Subd. 1. School districts and schools permitted to maintain supply. (a) Allows districts and schools to have, keep, and administer epinephrine auto-injectors, consistent with this section.

         (b) Defines school districts and schools, including charter schools, for purposes of this section.

         Subd. 2. Use of supply. (a) Allows qualified and designated personnel to administer an epinephrine auto-injector to students and other individuals, with or without a prescription, on school grounds or at a school-sponsored event if the person administering the epinephrine auto-injector believes in good faith that the student or other individual is experiencing anaphylaxis.

         (b) Declares that administering an epinephrine auto-injector is not practicing medicine.

         Subd. 3. Arrangements with manufacturers. Allows contracts with makers of epinephrine auto-injectors and allows third parties to pay for the costs of epinephrine auto-injectors intended for schools.

         Subd. 4. District and school policies required for epinephrine auto-injectors. Directs districts and schools administering epinephrine auto-injectors under this section to develop and post on the district or school Web site or otherwise publicize guidelines and implementation plans that include education and training and procedures for identifying and responding to anaphylaxis. Requires districts and schools to consider model rules and consult with interested community members when developing the guidelines, which must require a call to emergency medical services when a school epinephrine auto-injector is used. Requires a printed copy of the guidelines and plan to be made available upon request at no charge. Requires schools to maintain a record of the use of epinephrine auto-injectors.

4   **Administration of epinephrine auto-injectors**. Declares districts and schools and persons involved in developing protocols, providing prescriptions, and administering epinephrine auto-injectors immune from liability.