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SYNOPSIS

Requires school districts to provide instruction on anaphylaxis as part of New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning instruction on anaphylaxis school districts and
2 supplementing chapter 35 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. Beginning with the grade nine class entering high school
9 in the first full school year next following the date of enactment of
10 this act, each school district that includes grades nine through 12, or
11 any combination thereof, shall provide instruction on anaphylaxis to
12 each student prior to graduation as part of the district's
13 implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in
14 Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.

15 b. The instruction shall include, but not be limited to,
16 information on:

17 (1) identifying common causes of anaphylaxis, such as food
18 allergies, insect stings, and medications;

19 (2) recognizing a severe allergic reaction; and

20 (3) ways of responding to anaphylaxis emergencies including
21 contacting emergency services, executing first aid protocols, and
22 administering single unit dose epinephrine.

23 c. A school district may utilize an instructional program
24 established by the American Red Cross, or any other nationally-
25 recognized association or organization with expertise on
26 anaphylaxis, to provide the instruction required pursuant to this
27 section.

28 d. The instruction on administering single unit dose epinephrine
29 provided pursuant to this section shall not be construed as explicitly
30 permitting a student to administer epinephrine to another student.
31 The responsibility to administer epinephrine shall remain with the
32 school nurse and designated employees in accordance with the
33 provisions of section 2 of P.L.1997, c.368 (C.18A:40-12.6).

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35 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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40 This bill requires school districts to provide instruction on
41 anaphylaxis to each high school student prior to graduation.

42 Under the bill, the instruction will include information on: (1)
43 identifying common causes of anaphylaxis, such as food allergies,
44 insect stings, and medications; (2) recognizing a severe allergic
45 reaction; and (3) ways of responding to anaphylaxis emergencies
46 including contacting emergency services, executing first aid
47 protocols, and administering single unit dose epinephrine.

1 The bill permits a school district to utilize an instructional
2 program established by the American Red Cross, or any other
3 nationally-recognized association or organization with expertise on
4 anaphylaxis, to provide the instruction.

5 The bill stipulates that the instruction provided to students on
6 administering single unit dose epinephrine is not to explicitly
7 permit a student to administer epinephrine to another student. The
8 responsibility to administer epinephrine would remain with the
9 school nurse and designated employees, as provided under current
10 law.