



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Senate Bill 1144 - An Act Concerning School Attendance for Students who Require Tube Feedings

The Department of Public Health provides the following information with regard to Senate Bill 1144:

Senate Bill 1144 would amend the nurse practice act to permit unlicensed assistive personnel who are "trained in the administration tube feedings" to administer tube feedings to students in public and nonpublic schools, pursuant to the written order of a licensed health care provider. Currently, licensed nurses must administer tube feedings in this setting.

We understand that the Department of Education opposes this bill, and in addition to their concerns, Senate Bill 1144 does not identify minimum training requirements, who would provide the training and under whose supervision the person would work.

Should this proposal move forward, the Department respectfully requests the Committee to amend the proposal to include language regarding minimum training requirements and to identify who will be responsible for supervising the unlicensed person in administering tube feedings.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on this bill.

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