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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINE TO STUDENTS WITH DIABETES, THE DUTIES OF SCHOOL MEDICAL ADVISORS, THE INCLUSION OF CPR AND AED TRAINING IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND PHYSICAL EXERCISE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-220j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) No local or regional board of education may prohibit or restrict  
4 the time and location of blood glucose self-testing by children with  
5 diabetes who have a written order from a physician or an advanced  
6 practice registered nurse stating the need and the capability of such  
7 child to conduct self-testing.

8 (b) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the  
9 Commissioner of Public Health, shall develop guidelines for policies  
10 and practices with respect to blood glucose self-testing by children  
11 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Such guidelines shall not be  
12 construed as regulations within the scope of chapter 54.

13 Sec. 2. Section 10-212a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
14 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

15 (a) (1) A school nurse or, in the absence of such nurse, any other

16 nurse licensed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 378, including a  
17 nurse employed by, or providing services under the direction of a local  
18 or regional board of education at, a school-based health clinic, who  
19 shall administer medical preparations only to students enrolled in such  
20 school-based health clinic in the absence of a school nurse, the  
21 principal, any teacher, licensed athletic trainer, licensed physical or  
22 occupational therapist employed by a school district, or coach of  
23 intramural and interscholastic athletics of a school may administer,  
24 subject to the provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection,  
25 medicinal preparations, including such controlled drugs as the  
26 Commissioner of Consumer Protection may, by regulation, designate,  
27 to any student at such school pursuant to the written order of a  
28 physician licensed to practice medicine, or a dentist licensed to practice  
29 dental medicine in this or another state, or an optometrist licensed to  
30 practice optometry in this state under chapter 380, or an advanced  
31 practice registered nurse licensed to prescribe in accordance with  
32 section 20-94a, or a physician assistant licensed to prescribe in  
33 accordance with section 20-12d, and the written authorization of a  
34 parent or guardian of such child. The administration of medicinal  
35 preparations by a nurse licensed pursuant to the provisions of chapter  
36 378, a principal, teacher, licensed athletic trainer, licensed physical or  
37 occupational therapist employed by a school district, or coach shall be  
38 under the general supervision of a school nurse. No such school nurse  
39 or other nurse, principal, teacher, licensed athletic trainer, licensed  
40 physical or occupational therapist employed by a school district, coach  
41 or school paraprofessional administering medication pursuant to  
42 subsection (d) of this section shall be liable to such student or a parent  
43 or guardian of such student for civil damages for any personal injuries  
44 that result from acts or omissions of such school nurse or other nurse,  
45 principal, teacher, licensed athletic trainer, licensed physical or  
46 occupational therapist employed by a school district, coach or school  
47 paraprofessional administering medication pursuant to subsection (d)  
48 of this section in administering such preparations that may constitute  
49 ordinary negligence. This immunity does not apply to acts or  
50 omissions constituting gross, wilful or wanton negligence.

51       (2) Each local and regional board of education that allows a school  
52 nurse or, in the absence of such nurse, any other nurse licensed  
53 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 378, including a nurse employed  
54 by, or providing services under the direction of a local or regional  
55 board of education at, a school-based health clinic, who shall  
56 administer medical preparations only to students enrolled in such  
57 school-based health clinic in the absence of a school nurse, the  
58 principal, any teacher, licensed athletic trainer, licensed physical or  
59 occupational therapist employed by a school district, or coach of  
60 intramural and interscholastic athletics of a school to administer  
61 medicine or that allows a student to self-administer medicine,  
62 including medicine administered through the use of an asthmatic  
63 inhaler or an automatic prefilled cartridge injector or similar automatic  
64 injectable equipment, shall adopt written policies and procedures, in  
65 accordance with this section and the regulations adopted pursuant to  
66 subsection (c) of this section, that shall be approved by the school  
67 medical advisor or other qualified licensed physician. Once so  
68 approved, such administration of medication shall be in accordance  
69 with such policies and procedures.

70       (3) A director of a school readiness program as defined in section  
71 10-16p or a before or after school program exempt from licensure by  
72 the Department of Public Health pursuant to subdivision (1) of  
73 subsection (b) of section 19a-77, or the director's designee, may  
74 administer medications to a child enrolled in such a program in  
75 accordance with regulations adopted by the State Board of Education  
76 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. No individual  
77 administering medications pursuant to this subdivision shall be liable  
78 to such child or a parent or guardian of such child for civil damages for  
79 any personal injuries that result from acts or omissions of such  
80 individual in administering such medications which may constitute  
81 ordinary negligence. This immunity shall not apply to acts or  
82 omissions constituting gross, wilful or wanton negligence.

83       (b) Each school wherein any controlled drug is administered under  
84 the provisions of this section shall keep such records thereof as are

85 required of hospitals under the provisions of subsections (f) and (h) of  
86 section 21a-254 and shall store such drug in such manner as the  
87 Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall, by regulation, require.

88 (c) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
89 Commissioner of Public Health, shall adopt regulations, in accordance  
90 with the provisions of chapter 54, determined to be necessary by the  
91 board to carry out the provisions of this section, including, but not  
92 limited to, regulations that (1) specify conditions under which a coach  
93 of intramural and interscholastic athletics may administer medicinal  
94 preparations, including controlled drugs specified in the regulations  
95 adopted by the commissioner, to a child participating in such  
96 intramural and interscholastic athletics, (2) specify conditions and  
97 procedures for the administration of medication by school personnel to  
98 students, and (3) specify conditions for self-administration of  
99 medication by students, including permitting a child diagnosed with:  
100 (A) Asthma to retain possession of an asthmatic inhaler at all times  
101 while attending school for prompt treatment of the child's asthma and  
102 to protect the child against serious harm or death provided a written  
103 authorization for self-administration of medication signed by the  
104 child's parent or guardian and an authorized prescriber is submitted to  
105 the school nurse; and (B) an allergic condition to retain possession of  
106 an automatic prefilled cartridge injector or similar automatic injectable  
107 equipment at all times while attending school for prompt treatment of  
108 the child's allergic condition and to protect the child against serious  
109 harm or death provided a written authorization for self-administration  
110 of medication signed by the child's parent or guardian and an  
111 authorized prescriber is submitted to the school nurse. The regulations  
112 shall require authorization pursuant to: (i) The written order of a  
113 physician licensed to practice medicine in this or another state, a  
114 dentist licensed to practice dental medicine in this or another state, an  
115 advanced practice registered nurse licensed under chapter 378, a  
116 physician assistant licensed under chapter 370, a podiatrist licensed  
117 under chapter 375, or an optometrist licensed under chapter 380; and  
118 (ii) the written authorization of a parent or guardian of such child.

119 (d) (1) With the written authorization of a student's parent or  
120 guardian, and (2) pursuant to the written order of the student's (A)  
121 physician licensed [to practice medicine] under chapter 370, (B) an  
122 optometrist licensed to practice optometry under chapter 380, (C) an  
123 advanced practice registered nurse licensed to prescribe in accordance  
124 with section 20-94a, or (D) a physician assistant licensed to prescribe in  
125 accordance with section 20-12d, a school nurse and a school medical  
126 advisor may jointly approve and provide general supervision to an  
127 identified school paraprofessional to administer medication, including,  
128 but not limited to, medication administered with a cartridge injector,  
129 to a specific student with a medically diagnosed allergic condition that  
130 may require prompt treatment in order to protect the student against  
131 serious harm or death. For purposes of this subsection, "cartridge  
132 injector" means an automatic prefilled cartridge injector or similar  
133 automatic injectable equipment used to deliver epinephrine in a  
134 standard dose for emergency first aid response to allergic reactions.

135 (e) (1) With the written authorization of a student's parent or  
136 guardian, and (2) pursuant to the written order of the student's (A)  
137 physician licensed under chapter 370, (B) an advanced practice  
138 registered nurse licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-  
139 94a, or (C) a physician assistant licensed to prescribe in accordance  
140 with section 20-12d, a school nurse and a school medical advisor may  
141 jointly approve and provide general supervision to an identified  
142 teacher, principal or school paraprofessional to administer medication,  
143 including, but not limited to, medication administered with injectable  
144 equipment used to administer glucagon or insulin, to a student with  
145 diabetes that may require prompt treatment in order to protect the  
146 student against serious harm or death. For purposes of this subsection,  
147 "injectable equipment used to administer glucagon or insulin" means  
148 an injector or injectable equipment used to deliver glucagon or insulin  
149 in an appropriate dose for emergency first aid response to diabetes.

150 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 10-207 of the general statutes is  
151 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
152 *1, 2012*):

153 (a) Each school medical advisor shall [make a prompt examination  
154 of all pupils referred to such medical advisor by the school nurse,  
155 teacher, principal or superintendent, and shall interpret to such nurse,  
156 teacher, principal or superintendent, and to the parents of each such  
157 pupil, such medical advisor's findings, with recommendations as to  
158 how the pupil should be cared for and what provisions, if any, should  
159 be made at the school for the care and welfare of such pupil. Each such  
160 school medical advisor shall also make examinations of teachers,  
161 janitors and others in the employment of the board of education when  
162 requested to do so by the board of education or when, in such medical  
163 advisor's opinion, such examinations are necessary for the protection  
164 of health, provided such medical advisor shall accept the report of an  
165 equivalent physical examination by any reputable physician chosen by  
166 such teacher, janitor or other employee in lieu thereof. Such medical  
167 advisor shall make such sanitary inspection of school buildings as, in  
168 such medical advisor's opinion, is necessary for the protection of the  
169 health of pupils. The school medical advisor shall take steps to  
170 preserve and improve the health of pupils in accordance with the  
171 requirements of the Public Health Code of this state established by the  
172 Commissioner of Public Health under the provisions of section 19a-36  
173 or the sanitary regulations in force in such town or district in excluding  
174 and readmitting pupils or teachers or other school employees  
175 suspected of being ill, or ill, with any communicable disease. In  
176 cooperation with the director of health, the school medical advisor  
177 shall interpret to teachers and nurses factors dealing with  
178 communicable disease control] work with the local or regional board  
179 of education that appointed such school medical advisor and the board  
180 of health or health department for the school district under the  
181 jurisdiction of such board to (1) plan and administer the health  
182 program for each school, (2) advise on the provision of school health  
183 services, (3) provide consultation on the school health environment,  
184 and (4) perform any other duties that may be agreed on by the school  
185 medical advisor and the local or regional board of education that  
186 appointed such school medical advisor.

187 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 10-16b of the 2012 supplement to the  
188 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
189 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

190 (a) In the public schools the program of instruction offered shall  
191 include at least the following subject matter, as taught by legally  
192 qualified teachers, the arts; career education; consumer education;  
193 health and safety, including, but not limited to, human growth and  
194 development, nutrition, first aid, including training in  
195 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automatic external  
196 defibrillators, disease prevention, community and consumer health,  
197 physical, mental and emotional health, including youth suicide  
198 prevention, substance abuse prevention, safety, which may include the  
199 dangers of gang membership, and accident prevention; language arts,  
200 including reading, writing, grammar, speaking and spelling;  
201 mathematics; physical education; science; social studies, including, but  
202 not limited to, citizenship, economics, geography, government and  
203 history; and in addition, on at least the secondary level, one or more  
204 world languages and vocational education. For purposes of this  
205 subsection, world languages shall include American Sign Language,  
206 provided such subject matter is taught by a qualified instructor under  
207 the supervision of a teacher who holds a certificate issued by the State  
208 Board of Education. For purposes of this subsection, the "arts" means  
209 any form of visual or performing arts, which may include, but not be  
210 limited to, dance, music, art and theatre.

211 Sec. 5. Section 10-221o of the general statutes is repealed and the  
212 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

213 Each local and regional board of education shall require each school  
214 under its jurisdiction to (1) offer all full day students a daily lunch  
215 period of not less than twenty minutes, and (2) include in the regular  
216 school day for each student enrolled in grades kindergarten to five,  
217 inclusive, [a period of] time devoted to physical exercise of not less  
218 than twenty minutes in total, except that a planning and placement  
219 team may develop a different schedule for a child requiring special

