



TESTIMONY RE: Raised Bill 5521, AN ACT CONCERNING THE STORAGE AND ADMINISTRATION OF EPINEPHRINE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Good Afternoon Senator Stillman, Representative Fleishmann and esteemed members of the Education Committee.

Thank-you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of the Connecticut Nurses' Association (CNA) related to the storage and administration of Epinephrine at Public Schools and Public Institutions of Higher Education.

I am Mary Jane Williams Ph.D., RN current chairperson of Government Relations Committee for the Connecticut Nurses Association and professor emeritus from Central Connecticut State University. I speak in opposition Raised Bill 5521, AN ACT CONCERNING THE STORAGE AND ADMINISTRATION OF EPINEPHRINE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING as written

After careful consideration of the Issues of concern by this proposed legislation and understanding the intent of this proposed legislation it would be advantageous for the committee to consider the following:

Education of individuals willing to give Medications under the proposed legislation be designed and conducted by the Connecticut State Department of Education, provision of education, certification and renewal yearly in each district.

Include in the Curriculum Basic Assessment, First Aid, CPR and Medication Education and Training in Administration. Require all Individual Medication Emergency Administrators and/or School Districts to carry Liability Insurance. Thereby assuring quality of ongoing education and removing the liability from the School Nurse and creating a safety net for the students. I am sure there are models available on which to design the curriculum for these programs.

We are more than willing to discuss this process with you in order to develop safe legislation.

Thank You

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