
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5341

AN ACT PROVIDING IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS WHO MAY ADMINISTER EPINEPHRINE TO A STUDENT IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.

SUMMARY

This bill provides immunity from civil liability to bus drivers who provide an emergency administration of epinephrine by a cartridge injector to certain students.

Under the bill, a bus driver may administer the medication to a student with a diagnosed allergic condition to protect against serious harm or death without civil liability for injuries resulting from ordinary negligence during the administration. It must occur either on or in the immediate vicinity of a school bus during the provision of school transportation services.

The immunity does not extend to acts or omissions that constitute gross, willful, or wanton negligence.

The bill defines “cartridge injector” as an automatic, prefilled cartridge injector or similar automatic injectable equipment, used to deliver a standard dose of epinephrine during an emergency allergic reaction.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2018

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 35 Nay 0 (03/23/2018)