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Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF EPINEPHRINE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WILDERNESS SCHOOL.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Appropriately trained" means the successful completion of (A)
- 3 the training requirements for the administration of injectable
- 4 medications by premeasured, commercially prepared autoinjectors
- 5 prescribed by the regulations adopted pursuant to section 19a-428 of
- 6 the general statutes, and (B) training in the preceding twelve-month
- 7 period conducted by a pharmacist, physician, physician assistant,
- 8 advanced practice registered nurse or registered nurse to (i) identify
- 9 the common causes of allergic reactions, signs and symptoms of mild
- 10 and severe allergic reactions and the ways in which anaphylaxis differs
- 11 from other medical conditions, and (ii) execute appropriate follow-up
- 12 and reporting procedures after a child has experienced a presumed
- 13 allergic reaction;

14 (2) "Qualified employee" means an employee who is eighteen years
15 of age or older and is appropriately trained; and

16 (3) "Qualified medical professional" has the same meaning as
17 provided in section 10-212a of the general statutes.

18 (b) Any qualified employee of the Department of Children and
19 Families Wilderness School may administer epinephrine by a
20 premeasured commercially prepared autoinjector for the purpose of
21 emergency first aid to a child enrolled in the Department of Children
22 and Families Wilderness School who experiences a presumed allergic
23 reaction in the absence of a written order from a qualified medical
24 professional, provided such child's parent or guardian has previously
25 authorized such administration in writing.

26 (c) The director of the Department of Children and Families
27 Wilderness School shall maintain epinephrine in premeasured
28 commercially prepared autoinjectors for the purpose of emergency
29 first aid to children who experience presumed allergic reactions and do
30 not have a prior written order from a qualified medical professional
31 authorizing the administration of epinephrine.

32 (d) The director of the Department of Children and Families
33 Wilderness School shall ensure that (1) all epinephrine in
34 premeasured, commercially prepared autoinjectors are stored and
35 labeled in a manner consistent with the regulations adopted pursuant
36 to section 19a-428 of the general statutes; and (2) records concerning
37 the administration of epinephrine in commercially prepared
38 autoinjectors are maintained in a manner consistent with the
39 regulations adopted pursuant to section 19a-428 of the general statutes.

40 (e) No qualified employee administering epinephrine to a child
41 pursuant to this section shall be liable to such child or a parent or
42 guardian of such child for civil damages for any personal injuries that
43 result from acts or omissions of such employee that may constitute
44 ordinary negligence. This immunity does not apply to acts or
45 omissions constituting gross, wilful or wanton negligence.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To permit certain employees of the Department of Children and Families Wilderness School to administer epinephrine to children enrolled in the school who experience presumed allergic reactions.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]