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AN ACT

To repeal section 167.627, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to students self-administering medication.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 167.627, RSMo, is repealed and one new section 2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 167.627, to read as follows:

167.627. 1. Any board of education of any school district [may permit the self-administration of medication administered by way of a metered-dose inhaler by a pupil for asthma or other potentially life-threatening respiratory illnesses], its employees or agents, shall grant to any pupil an authorization to possess and self-administer medication to treat asthma or anaphylaxis provided that:

7 (1) [The parents or guardians of the pupil provide to the board of education written authorization for the self-administration of medication and a 8 written medical history of the pupil's experience with the potentially 9 10 life-threatening respiratory illness and a plan of action for addressing any emergency situations that could reasonably be anticipated as a consequence of 11 administering the medication and having the potentially life-threatening 12respiratory illness] A licensed physician prescribed or ordered the 13medication for use by the pupil and instructed the pupil in the correct 14 and responsible use of the medication; 15

16 (2) [The parents or guardians of the pupil provide to the board of 17 education written certification from the physician of the pupil that the pupil has 18 asthma or another potentially life-threatening respiratory illness and is capable 19 of, and has been instructed in, the proper method of self-administration of 20 medication and informed of the dangers of permitting other persons to use 21 medicine prescribed for the pupil] The pupil has demonstrated to the 22 physician, or such physician's designee, and the school nurse, if 23 available, the skill level necessary to use the medication and any device 24 that is necessary to administer such medication as prescribed or 25 ordered;

26(3) [The board informs the parents or guardians of the pupil in writing that the district and its employees or agents shall incur no liability as a result of 27any injury arising from the self-administration of medication by the pupil, absent 2829any negligence by the district, its employees or its agents, or as a result of 30 providing all relevant information provided pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) 31of this subsection with the school nurse, absent any negligence by the district, its 32employees or its agents, or in the absence of such nurse, to the school 33 administrator] The physician has approved and signed a written 34treatment plan for managing asthma or anaphylaxis episodes of the pupil and for medication use by the pupil. Such plan must include a 35statement that the pupil is capable of self-administering the medication; 36

37 (4) [The parents or guardians of the pupil sign a statement acknowledging that the district shall incur no liability as a result of any injury arising from the 3839 self-administration of medication by the pupil and that the parents or guardians shall indemnify and hold harmless the district and its employees or agents 40against any claims arising out of the self-administration of medication by the 41 pupil] The pupil's parent or guardian has completed and submitted to the 42school written authorization for the self-administration or possession of 43medication and any written documentation required by the school, 44including the treatment plan required under subdivision (3) of this 45subsection and the liability statement required under subdivision (5) of 46 this section; and 47

48(5) [The permission is effective for the school year for which it is granted 49and is renewed for each subsequent school year upon fulfillment of the 50requirements of subdivisions (1) through (4) of this subsection] The pupil's 51parent or guardian has signed a statement acknowledging that the school district and its employees or agents shall incur no liability as a 52result of any injury arising from the self-administration of medication 53by the pupil. Such statement shall not be construed to release the school 54district and its employees or agents from liability for negligence. 55

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56 2. [Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a school district 57 from requiring pupils to maintain current duplicate prescription medications with 58 the school nurse or in the absence of such nurse, the school administrator.

59 3. The state board of education shall promulgate such rules and 60 regulations as it deems necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section.

4. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to the authority of this section shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of section 536.024, RSMo.] An authorization granted under this section shall allow the pupil involved to possess and self-administer his or her medication while in school, while at a school-sponsored activity, and in transit to or from school or school-sponsored activities.

3. An authorization granted under this section shall be effective
only for the same school and school year for which it is granted, and
must be renewed by the parent or guardian each subsequent school year
in accordance with this section.

4. Current duplicate prescription medications authorized under this section, if provided by a pupil's parent or guardian, shall be kept at a pupil's school in a location to which the pupil, or appropriate agent of the school if deemed necessary in the physician's written treatment plan, has immediate access in the event of an asthma or anaphylaxis episode. The location for such medication shall be determined by the parent or guardian, school nurse, if available, and school administrator.

5. Information described in subdivisions (3) and (4) of subsection 1 of this section shall be kept on file at the pupil's school in a location 80 easily accessible in the event of an asthma or anaphylaxis episode.

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6. For purposes of this section the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Medication", any medicine prescribed or ordered by a licensed
physician for the treatment of asthma or anaphylaxis, including, but not
limited to, inhaled bronchodilators and auto-injectable epinephrine;

(2) "Self-administration", a pupil's discretionary use of medication,
pursuant to a prescription or written treatment plan from a licensed
physician.

7. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit schools or school districts from providing current duplicate prescription medication authorized under this section or from implementing a policy for the training of its employees or agents to administer to the pupil the medication authorized under this section.

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