

# House Study Bill 256

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EDUCATION BILL BY  
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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the director of the department of education to  
2 develop and distribute guidelines related to life-threatening  
3 food allergies to school districts.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 256.9, Code 2009, is amended by adding  
1 2 the following new subsection:  
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 61. Develop and distribute to school  
1 4 districts recommended guidelines relating to life-threatening  
1 5 food allergies. The department shall develop the guidelines  
1 6 in collaboration with the department of public health and with  
1 7 input from pediatricians, school nurses, allergy specialists,  
1 8 parents and guardians of children with life-threatening  
1 9 allergies, school administrators, teachers, and food service  
1 10 directors. The guidelines may include but shall not be  
1 11 limited to recommendations relating to the following:  
1 12 a. Education and training for school personnel on the  
1 13 management of students with life-threatening food allergies,  
1 14 including training related to the administration of medication  
1 15 with a cartridge injector.  
1 16 b. Procedures for responding to life-threatening allergic  
1 17 reactions.  
1 18 c. A process for the implementation of individualized  
1 19 health care and food allergy action plans for every student  
1 20 with a life-threatening food allergy.  
1 21 d. Strategies for reduction of the risk of exposure to  
1 22 anaphylactic causative agents including food and other  
1 23 allergens.  
1 24 e. Suggested policies which school boards may implement  
1 25 based on the guidelines for the management of students with  
1 26 life-threatening allergies.  
1 27 f. Designation of an employee to annually inform parents  
1 28 and guardians of students with life-threatening allergies and  
1 29 life-threatening chronic illnesses of applicable provisions of  
1 30 section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as  
1 31 amended and codified in 29 U.S.C. } 794, and other applicable  
1 32 federal and state statutes, regulations, and rules; inform  
1 33 appropriate school staff of their responsibilities under  
1 34 school district policy; provide training necessary for staff  
1 35 to carry out these responsibilities; and monitor school  
2 1 district policy implementation.

### EXPLANATION

2 2 This bill requires the director of the department of  
2 3 education to develop and distribute to school districts  
2 4 recommended guidelines relating to life-threatening food  
2 5 allergies and the management of students with life-threatening  
2 6 food allergies. The guidelines must be developed in  
2 7 collaboration with the department of public health with input  
2 8 from pediatricians, school nurses, allergy specialists,  
2 9 parents and guardians of children with life-threatening  
2 10 allergies, school administrators, teachers, and food service  
2 11 directors. The bill lists potential areas for  
2 12 recommendations.  
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