

House File 2432 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2219)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring diabetes management care in public schools.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 280.30 Diabetes care.

2 1. *Definitions.* For purposes of this section:

3 a. "*Diabetes medical management plan*" means a document
4 developed by a student's personal health care team that sets
5 out the health services needed by the student at school and
6 that is signed by the student's personal health care team and
7 parent or guardian.

8 b. "*School employee*" means a person employed by a public
9 school, any person employed by a local health department who is
10 assigned to a public school, or a subcontractor designated for
11 this function.

12 c. "*Trained diabetes personnel*" means a school employee who
13 volunteers to be trained in accordance with subsection 2. Such
14 an employee need not be a health care professional.

15 2. *Training of designated school employees.*

16 a. The department of education, in coordination with the
17 department of public health, the American diabetes association,
18 and individuals licensed under chapter 148 and designated by
19 the department of public health, shall by January 1, 2013,
20 develop guidelines for the training of volunteer school
21 employees as provided in paragraph "c" in the care needed for
22 students with diabetes. The department shall make available to
23 public schools information on training guidelines for diabetes
24 management. Training guidelines shall include instruction in
25 all of the following:

26 (1) Recognition and treatment of hypoglycemia and
27 hyperglycemia.

28 (2) Understanding the appropriate actions to take when
29 blood glucose levels are outside of the target ranges indicated
30 by a student's diabetes medical management plan.

31 (3) Understanding physician instructions concerning
32 diabetes medication dosage, frequency, and manner of
33 administration.

34 (4) Performance of finger-stick blood glucose checking,
35 ketone checking, and recording the results.

1 (5) The administration of glucagon and insulin and the
2 recording of results.

3 (6) Recognizing complications that require emergency
4 assistance.

5 (7) Recommended schedules and food intake for meals and
6 snacks, the effect of physical activity upon blood glucose
7 levels, and actions to be implemented in the case of schedule
8 disruption.

9 (8) Understanding of universal precautions regarding bodily
10 fluids as they apply to the management of diabetes in a school
11 setting.

12 *b.* A public school shall incorporate training in the
13 recognition of hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia and actions to
14 take in response to emergency situations as part of the overall
15 training provided to all school personnel.

16 *c.* The board of directors of a public school district
17 may ensure that the training outlined in paragraph "a" is
18 available to school employees at a school attended by a student
19 with diabetes. The principal or school administrator at such
20 a school shall distribute written notice that training is
21 available for employees who volunteer to be trained.

22 *d.* The board of directors of a public school district shall
23 not subject a school employee to any penalty or disciplinary
24 action for refusing to serve as trained diabetes personnel or
25 prohibit or restrict a school employee from volunteering for
26 training.

27 *e.* The training outlined in paragraph "a" may be coordinated
28 by a school nurse and provided by a school nurse or other
29 health care professional with expertise in diabetes.

30 3. *Diabetes medical management plan.* The parent or guardian
31 of each student who seeks diabetes care while at school shall
32 submit to the student's school a diabetes medical management
33 plan. The student's school shall review and implement the
34 diabetes medical management plan upon receipt.

35 4. *Required care.*

1 necessary for the monitoring and treatment of diabetes. The
2 bill requires public schools to incorporate training in the
3 recognition of hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia and actions to
4 take in response to emergency situations as part of the overall
5 training provided to all school personnel.

6 The bill provides that the board of directors of a public
7 school district may ensure that the training is available to
8 school employees at each school attended by a student with
9 diabetes. A school employee who has received such training is
10 defined as a "trained diabetes personnel". The principal or
11 school administrator at such a school must distribute written
12 notice that training is available to volunteering employees.
13 The bill provides that the board of directors of a public
14 school district cannot penalize an employee for refusing to
15 volunteer or restrict an employee from volunteering. The bill
16 provides that the training may be coordinated by a school
17 nurse and provided by a school nurse or other health care
18 professional with expertise in diabetes.

19 The bill requires the parent or guardian of a public school
20 student who seeks diabetes care while at school to submit
21 to the student's school a diabetes medical management plan.
22 The student's school is required to review and implement the
23 diabetes medical management plan upon receipt. A "diabetes
24 medical management plan" means a document developed by a
25 student's personal health care team that sets out the health
26 services needed by the student at school and that is signed by
27 the student's personal health care team and parent or guardian.

28 The bill provides that in accordance with the request of a
29 parent or guardian of a public school student with diabetes
30 and the student's diabetes medical management plan, a school
31 nurse, or, in the absence of a school nurse, trained diabetes
32 personnel shall perform various functions necessary for the
33 monitoring and treatment of diabetes. The bill provides that
34 a student's school choice shall not be restricted because the
35 student has diabetes.

1 The bill provides that upon written request of the student's
2 parent or guardian and as authorized by the student's diabetes
3 medical management plan, a student with diabetes shall be
4 permitted to perform various functions necessary for care and
5 management of the student's diabetes in the classroom and in
6 any area of the school or school grounds, and to possess at
7 all times all necessary supplies and equipment to perform such
8 functions.