

**House File 2203 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN  
SERVICES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2055)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to epinephrine delivery systems in schools, food  
2 establishments, carnivals, recreational camps, youth sports  
3 facilities, and sports arenas.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 135.185, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **135.185 Epinephrine ~~auto-injector~~ delivery system supply.**

4 1. For purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise  
5 requires:

6 a. "~~Epinephrine auto-injector~~ delivery system" means the same  
7 as provided in section 280.16.

8 b. "Facility" means a food establishment as defined in  
9 section 137F.1, a carnival as defined in section 88A.1, a  
10 recreational camp, a youth sports facility, or a sports arena.

11 c. "~~Licensed health care professional~~" means the same as  
12 provided in section 280.16.

13 d. "~~Personnel authorized to administer epinephrine~~" means an  
14 employee or agent of a facility who is trained and authorized to  
15 administer an epinephrine ~~auto-injector~~ delivery system.

16 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
17 contrary, a licensed health care professional may prescribe  
18 epinephrine ~~auto-injectors~~ delivery systems in the name of a  
19 facility to be maintained for use as provided in this section.

20 3. A facility may obtain a prescription for epinephrine  
21 ~~auto-injectors~~ delivery systems and maintain a supply of such  
22 ~~auto-injectors~~ delivery systems in a secure location at each  
23 location where a member of the public may be present for use  
24 as provided in this section. A facility that obtains such a  
25 prescription shall replace epinephrine ~~auto-injectors~~ delivery  
26 systems in the supply upon use or expiration. Personnel  
27 authorized to administer epinephrine may possess and administer  
28 epinephrine ~~auto-injectors~~ delivery systems from the supply as  
29 provided in this section.

30 4. Personnel authorized to administer epinephrine may provide  
31 or administer an epinephrine ~~auto-injector~~ delivery system from  
32 the facility's supply to an individual present at the facility  
33 if such personnel reasonably and in good faith believe the  
34 individual is having an anaphylactic reaction.

35 5. The following persons, provided they have acted reasonably

1 and in good faith, shall not be liable for any injury  
2 arising from the provision, administration, or assistance in the  
3 administration of an epinephrine ~~auto-injector~~ delivery system as  
4 provided in this section:

5 a. Any personnel authorized to administer epinephrine who  
6 provide, administer, or assist in the administration of an  
7 epinephrine ~~auto-injector~~ delivery system to an individual  
8 present at the facility who such personnel believe to be having  
9 an anaphylactic reaction.

10 b. The owner or operator of the facility.

11 c. The prescriber of the epinephrine ~~auto-injector~~ delivery  
12 system.

13 6. The department, the board of medicine, the board  
14 of nursing, and the board of pharmacy shall adopt rules  
15 pursuant to chapter 17A to implement and administer this  
16 section, including but not limited to standards and procedures  
17 for the prescription, distribution, storage, replacement, and  
18 administration of epinephrine ~~auto-injectors~~ delivery systems,  
19 and for training and authorization to be required for personnel  
20 authorized to administer epinephrine.

21 Sec. 2. Section 280.16, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
22 follows:

23 **280.16 Self-administration of respiratory distress, asthma,**  
24 **or other airway constricting disease medication, epinephrine**  
25 **~~auto-injectors~~ delivery systems, bronchodilator canisters, or**  
26 **bronchodilator canisters and spacers.**

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

28 a. "Bronchodilator" means a bronchodilator as recommended  
29 by the department of health and human services for treatment  
30 of a student's respiratory distress, asthma, or other airway  
31 constricting disease.

32 b. "Bronchodilator canister" means a portable drug delivery  
33 device packaged with multiple premeasured doses of a  
34 bronchodilator.

35 c. "*Epinephrine ~~auto-injector~~ delivery system*" means a device

1 for immediate self-administration or administration by another  
2 trained individual of a measured dose of epinephrine to a person  
3 at risk of anaphylaxis, including epinephrine auto-injectors and  
4 epinephrine nasal sprays.

5 d. "*Licensed health care professional*" means a person  
6 licensed under chapter 148 to practice medicine and surgery or  
7 osteopathic medicine and surgery, an advanced registered nurse  
8 practitioner licensed under chapter 152 or 152E and registered  
9 with the board of nursing, or a physician assistant licensed  
10 under chapter 148C.

11 e. "*Medication*" means a drug that meets the definition  
12 provided in section 126.2, subsection 8, has an individual  
13 prescription label, is prescribed by a licensed health care  
14 professional for a student, and pertains to the student's  
15 respiratory distress, asthma, or other airway constricting  
16 disease, or risk of anaphylaxis, and includes but is not limited  
17 to a bronchodilator.

18 f. "*Self-administration*" means a student's discretionary use  
19 of medication prescribed by a licensed health care professional  
20 for the student.

21 g. "*Spacer*" means a holding chamber that is used to optimize  
22 the delivery of a bronchodilator to a person's lungs.

23 2. The board of directors of a school district and the  
24 authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school shall  
25 permit the self-administration of medication or the use of a  
26 bronchodilator canister or bronchodilator canister and spacer by  
27 a student with respiratory distress, asthma, or other airway  
28 constricting disease or the use of an epinephrine ~~auto-injector~~  
29 delivery system by a student with a risk of anaphylaxis if the  
30 following conditions are met:

31 a. The student's parent or guardian provides to the school  
32 written authorization for the self-administration of medication,  
33 for the use of a bronchodilator canister or a bronchodilator  
34 canister and spacer, or for the use of an epinephrine  
35 ~~auto-injector~~ delivery system.

1     b. The student's parent or guardian provides to the school  
2 a written statement from the student's licensed health care  
3 professional containing the following information:

4     (1) The name and purpose of the medication, bronchodilator  
5 canister, bronchodilator canister and spacer, or epinephrine  
6 ~~auto-injector~~ delivery system.

7     (2) The prescribed dosage.

8     (3) The times at which or the special circumstances under  
9 which the medication, bronchodilator canister, bronchodilator  
10 canister and spacer, or epinephrine ~~auto-injector~~ delivery system  
11 is to be administered.

12     c. The parent or guardian and the school meet the  
13 requirements of subsection 3.

14     3. The school district or accredited nonpublic school shall  
15 notify the parent or guardian of the student, in writing, that  
16 the school district or accredited nonpublic school and its  
17 employees are to incur no liability, except for gross negligence,  
18 as a result of any injury arising from self-administration of  
19 medication, use of a bronchodilator canister or a bronchodilator  
20 canister and spacer, or use of an epinephrine ~~auto-injector~~  
21 delivery system by the student. The parent or guardian of the  
22 student shall sign a statement acknowledging that the school  
23 district or nonpublic school is to incur no liability, except  
24 for gross negligence, as a result of self-administration of  
25 medication, use of a bronchodilator canister or a bronchodilator  
26 canister and spacer, or use of an epinephrine ~~auto-injector~~  
27 delivery system by the student. A school district or accredited  
28 nonpublic school and its employees acting reasonably and in  
29 good faith shall incur no liability for any improper use of  
30 medication, a bronchodilator canister, a bronchodilator canister  
31 and spacer, or an epinephrine ~~auto-injector~~ delivery system  
32 as defined in this section or for supervising, monitoring, or  
33 interfering with a student's self-administration of medication,  
34 use of a bronchodilator canister or a bronchodilator canister and  
35 spacer, or use of an epinephrine ~~auto-injector~~ delivery system as

1 defined in this section.

2 4. The permission for self-administration of medication, for  
3 the use of a bronchodilator canister or a bronchodilator canister  
4 and spacer, or for the use of an epinephrine ~~auto-injector~~  
5 delivery system is effective for the school year for which it  
6 is granted and shall be renewed each subsequent school year upon  
7 fulfillment of the requirements of this section. However, the  
8 parent or guardian shall immediately notify the school of any  
9 changes in the conditions listed under subsection 2.

10 5. Provided that the requirements of this section are  
11 fulfilled, a student with respiratory distress, asthma, or  
12 other airway constricting disease may possess and use the  
13 student's medication and a student with a written statement  
14 from a licensed health care professional on file pursuant  
15 to subsection 2, paragraph "a", may use a bronchodilator  
16 canister, a bronchodilator canister and spacer, or an  
17 epinephrine ~~auto-injector~~ delivery system while in school, at  
18 school-sponsored activities, under the supervision of school  
19 personnel, and before or after normal school activities, such as  
20 while in before-school or after-school care on school-operated  
21 property. If the student misuses this privilege, the privilege  
22 may be withdrawn. A school district or nonpublic school shall  
23 notify a student's parent or guardian before withdrawing the  
24 privilege to use a bronchodilator canister, a bronchodilator  
25 canister and spacer, or an epinephrine ~~auto-injector~~ delivery  
26 system.

27 6. Information provided to the school under subsection 2  
28 shall be kept on file in the office of the school nurse or, in  
29 the absence of a school nurse, the school's administrator.

30 7. The Iowa school for the deaf and the institutions under  
31 the control of the department of health and human services as  
32 provided in section 218.1 are exempt from the provisions of this  
33 section.

34 Sec. 3. Section 280.16A, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
35 follows:

1     **280.16A Epinephrine auto-injector delivery system,**  
2 **bronchodilator canister, or bronchodilator canister and spacer**  
3 **supply.**

4     1. For purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise  
5 requires:

6     a. "Bronchodilator" means the same as defined in section  
7 280.16.

8     b. "Bronchodilator canister" means the same as defined in  
9 section 280.16.

10    c. "Epinephrine auto-injector delivery system" means the same  
11 as provided in section 280.16.

12    d. "Licensed health care professional" means the same as  
13 provided in section 280.16.

14    e. "Personnel authorized to administer epinephrine or a  
15 bronchodilator" means a school nurse or other employee of a  
16 school district or accredited nonpublic school trained and  
17 authorized to administer an epinephrine auto-injector delivery  
18 system, a bronchodilator canister, or a bronchodilator canister  
19 and spacer.

20    f. "School nurse" means a registered nurse holding current  
21 licensure recognized by the board of nursing who practices in  
22 the school setting to promote and protect the health of the  
23 school population by using knowledge from the nursing, social,  
24 and public health sciences.

25    g. "Spacer" means the same as defined in section 280.16.

26    2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
27 contrary, a licensed health care professional may prescribe  
28 epinephrine auto-injectors delivery systems, bronchodilator  
29 canisters, and bronchodilator canisters and spacers in the name  
30 of a school district or accredited nonpublic school to be  
31 maintained for use as provided in this section.

32    3. The board of directors in charge of each school district  
33 and the authorities in charge of each accredited nonpublic  
34 school may obtain a prescription for epinephrine auto-injectors  
35 delivery systems, bronchodilator canisters, and bronchodilator

1 canisters and spacers and maintain a supply of such epinephrine  
2 ~~auto-injectors~~ delivery systems, bronchodilator canisters, and  
3 bronchodilator canisters and spacers in a secure location at  
4 each school for use as provided in this section. The board and  
5 the authorities shall replace epinephrine ~~auto-injectors~~ delivery  
6 systems, bronchodilator canisters, and bronchodilator canisters  
7 and spacers in the supply upon use or expiration. Personnel  
8 authorized to administer epinephrine or a bronchodilator may  
9 possess and administer epinephrine ~~auto-injectors~~ delivery  
10 systems, bronchodilator canisters, or bronchodilator canisters  
11 and spacers, as applicable, from the supply as provided in this  
12 section.

13 4. Personnel authorized to administer epinephrine or a  
14 bronchodilator may provide or administer an epinephrine  
15 ~~auto-injector~~ delivery system, a bronchodilator canister, or  
16 a bronchodilator canister and spacer, as applicable, from the  
17 school's supply to a student or other individual if such  
18 personnel reasonably and in good faith believe the student or  
19 other individual is having an anaphylactic reaction or requires  
20 treatment for respiratory distress, asthma, or other airway  
21 constricting disease.

22 5. The following persons, provided they have acted reasonably  
23 and in good faith, shall not be liable for any injury  
24 arising from the provision, administration, or assistance in the  
25 administration of an epinephrine ~~auto-injector~~ delivery system, a  
26 bronchodilator canister, or a bronchodilator canister and spacer  
27 as provided in this section:

28 a. Any personnel authorized to administer epinephrine or  
29 a bronchodilator who, as applicable, provide, administer, or  
30 assist in the administration of an epinephrine ~~auto-injector~~  
31 delivery system to a student or other individual present at the  
32 school who such personnel believe to be having an anaphylactic  
33 reaction or in the administration of a bronchodilator canister  
34 or a bronchodilator canister and spacer to a student or other  
35 individual present at the school who such personnel believe to

1 require treatment for respiratory distress, asthma, or other  
2 airway constricting disease.

3 b. A school district or accredited nonpublic school employing  
4 the personnel.

5 c. The board of directors in charge of the school district or  
6 authorities in charge of the accredited nonpublic school.

7 d. The prescriber of the epinephrine ~~auto-injector~~ delivery  
8 system, the bronchodilator canister, or the bronchodilator  
9 canister and spacer.

10 6. The department of education, the board of medicine,  
11 the board of nursing, and the board of pharmacy shall, in  
12 consultation with an organization representing school nurses,  
13 adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to implement and administer  
14 this section, including but not limited to standards and  
15 procedures for the prescription, distribution, storage, disposal,  
16 replacement, and administration of epinephrine ~~auto-injectors~~  
17 delivery systems, bronchodilator canisters, and bronchodilator  
18 canisters and spacers, and for training and authorization to be  
19 required for personnel authorized to administer epinephrine or a  
20 bronchodilator.

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This bill relates to epinephrine delivery systems in schools,  
25 food establishments, carnivals, recreational camps, youth sports  
26 facilities, and sports arenas.

27 Current law permits food establishments, carnivals,  
28 recreational camps, youth sports facilities, and sports arenas  
29 to obtain and maintain a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors  
30 for emergency use. Current law also requires the board of  
31 directors of a school district and the authorities in charge of  
32 an accredited nonpublic school to permit the self-administration  
33 of medication or the use of an epinephrine auto-injector by a  
34 student with a risk of anaphylaxis if certain conditions are  
35 met. Current law further authorizes the board of directors in

1 charge of each school district and the authorities in charge  
2 of each accredited nonpublic school to obtain a prescription  
3 for epinephrine auto-injectors and to maintain a supply of such  
4 devices in a secure location at each school.

5 The bill replaces the defined term "epinephrine auto-injector"  
6 with "epinephrine delivery system", which includes both  
7 epinephrine auto-injectors and epinephrine nasal sprays. As  
8 a result, under the bill, epinephrine nasal sprays would be  
9 permitted and available in the same manner as epinephrine  
10 auto-injectors.

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