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1 AN ACT Relating to school nurses; and amending RCW 28A.210.260.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.210.260 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 720 are each amended
4 to read as follows:

5 Public school districts and private schools which conduct any of
6 grades kindergarten through the twelfth grade may provide for the
7 administration of oral medication of any nature to students who are in
8 the custody of the school district or school at the time of
9 administration, but are not required to do so by this section, subject
10 to the following conditions:

11 (1) The board of directors of the public school district or the
12 governing board of the private school or, if none, the chief
13 administrator of the private school shall adopt policies which address
14 the designation of employees who may administer oral medications to
15 students, the acquisition of parent requests and instructions, and the
16 acquisition of (~~dentist and physician~~) requests from licensed health
17 professionals prescribing within the scope of their prescribing
18 authority and instructions regarding students who require medication
19 for more than fifteen consecutive school days, the identification of

1 the medication to be administered, the means of safekeeping medications
2 with special attention given to the safeguarding of legend drugs as
3 defined in chapter 69.41 RCW, and the means of maintaining a record of
4 the administration of such medication;

5 (2) The board of directors shall seek advice from one or more
6 licensed physicians or nurses in the course of developing the foregoing
7 policies;

8 (3) The public school district or private school is in receipt of
9 a written, current and unexpired request from a parent, or a legal
10 guardian, or other person having legal control over the student to
11 administer the medication to the student;

12 (4) The public school district or the private school is in receipt
13 of (a) a written, current and unexpired request from a licensed
14 (~~physician or dentist~~) health professional prescribing within the
15 scope of his or her prescriptive authority for administration of the
16 medication, as there exists a valid health reason which makes
17 administration of such medication advisable during the hours when
18 school is in session or the hours in which the student is under the
19 supervision of school officials, and (b) written, current and unexpired
20 instructions from such (~~physician or dentist~~) licensed health
21 professional prescribing within the scope of his or her prescriptive
22 authority regarding the administration of prescribed medication to
23 students who require medication for more than fifteen consecutive work
24 days;

25 (5) The medication is administered by an employee designated by or
26 pursuant to the policies adopted pursuant to subsection (1) of this
27 section and in substantial compliance with the prescription of a
28 (~~physician or dentist~~) licensed health professional prescribing
29 within the scope of his or her prescriptive authority or the written
30 instructions provided pursuant to subsection (4) of this section;

31 (6) The medication is first examined by the employee administering
32 the same to determine in his or her judgment that it appears to be in
33 the original container and to be properly labeled; and

34 (7) The board of directors shall designate a professional person
35 licensed pursuant to chapter 18.71 RCW or chapter 18.79 RCW as it
36 applies to registered nurses and advanced registered nurse

1 practitioners, to train and supervise the designated school district
2 personnel in proper medication procedures.

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