

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2834

As Reported by House Committee On:
Health Care

Title: An act relating to requiring a medication or treatment order as a condition for children with life-threatening conditions to attend public school.

Brief Description: Requiring a medication or treatment order as a condition for children with life-threatening conditions to attend public school.

Sponsors: Representatives Schual-Berke, Campbell, Cody, Darneille, Conway, Edwards, Chase, Hunt and Pflug.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Health Care: 2/7/02 [DPS].

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Requires children with life-threatening health conditions to present a physician's medication or treatment order to their school, or be prohibited from attending school.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 11 members: Representatives Cody, Chair; Schual-Berke, Vice Chair; Campbell, Ranking Minority Member; Alexander, Ballasiotes, Benson, Conway, Darneille, Edwards, Ruderman and Skinner.

Staff: Dave Knutson (786-7146).

Background:

Currently, children with life-threatening health conditions may attend school without a physician's medication or treatment order that indicates what medical services they may require at school.

Summary of Substitute Bill:

If a child has a life-threatening health condition, they must present a physician's medication and treatment order to their school prior to attending school. Any child with a life-threatening health condition who does not present a physician's medication or treatment order will be prohibited from attending school until the order has been presented to the school. The state Board of Education and the State Board of Health are required to promulgate rules to implement this requirement.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:

The reference to physician's medication or treatment order is deleted, allowing any health provider with prescriptive authority to submit a medication and treatment order to a school.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not Requested.

Effective Date of Substitute Bill: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: Schools need specific medical direction for children with life-threatening disorders who attend school.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: (Testimony on HB 2462) (Support) Cynthia Shurtleff, American Academy of Pediatrics-Washington Chapter; Laura Thelander and Theresa Klaassen, American Diabetes Association; Marilyn Fenn and Mary Myers, School Nurses Organization of Washington; Greg Williamson and Judy Maire, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction; and Patty Martin, State Board of Education.

(Support with concerns) Patty Hayes, Department of Health; and Craig McLaughlin, State Board of Health.