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By Senators Thibaudeau, Deccio, Wojahn and Winsley; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

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1 AN ACT Relating to which health professionals may sign a request to
2 have oral medication administered by school employees; and amending RCW
3 28A.210.260.

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

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

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

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

1 authority and instructions regarding students who require medication
2 for more than fifteen consecutive school days, the identification of
3 the medication to be administered, the means of safekeeping medications
4 with special attention given to the safeguarding of legend drugs as
5 defined in chapter 69.41 RCW, and the means of maintaining a record of
6 the administration of such medication;

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

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

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

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

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

36 (7) The board of directors shall designate a professional person
37 licensed pursuant to chapter 18.71 RCW or chapter 18.79 RCW as it
38 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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