
SENATE BILL 6328

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By Senators Franklin and Winsley

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1 AN ACT Relating to administration of oral medications at school;
2 adding a new section to chapter 28A.210 RCW; creating a new section;
3 and providing an effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that school employees
6 are increasingly being asked to play an expanding role in protecting
7 children's health. In doing so, employees are required to administer
8 oral medications to students in schools that are potent, and
9 potentially dangerous if improperly dispensed. The legislature finds
10 that training in the administration of oral medications is imperative
11 for any school employee who administers oral medications to students
12 during the school day.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.210
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 (1) Beginning with the 2000-01 school year, and continuing
16 thereafter, any school employee who is in a position to administer oral
17 medications, or who may be needed to do so at any time during the
18 school year, and has had no specific training on the administration of

1 oral medications, must complete a basic core training by the end of the
2 first month of school. The core training is intended to ensure safe
3 and effective services for students in the administration of oral
4 medications, and is not to be intended to be a substitute for specific
5 training or for delegation and supervision by a school nurse or by
6 other certified or licensed staff.

7 (2) The state board of education shall adopt rules providing for
8 ongoing training for school employees who administer oral medications,
9 including future training requirements that provide for medications
10 which are not administered orally.

11 (3) Beginning in the 2000-01 school year, each school shall
12 designate at least two school employees, other than the school nurse,
13 who are responsible for the administration of oral medications to
14 students. This subsection does not preclude additional staff being
15 available to provide oral medications, however no employee may be asked
16 to provide oral medications unless properly trained under this section.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect July 1, 2000.

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