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Brief Description: Removing the expiration date on emergency administration of epinephrine. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Regarding administration of epinephrine.)

SB 5835.E - DIGEST

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/10/01)

Amends RCW 18.73.250 to delete the expiration date on emergency administration of epinephrine.

Authorizes public school districts to provide for the administration of epinephrine to students who suffer an anaphylaxis allergic reaction when the students are in the custody of the school district, pursuant to chapter 18.79 RCW, if the epinephrine is provided in compliance with:

(1) Rules adopted under section 4 of this act by the state nursing care quality assurance commission, and the instructions of a registered nurse or advanced registered nurse practitioner issued under the rules; and

(2) Written policies of the school district that are adopted to implement this section and are developed in accordance with chapters 41.56 and 41.59 RCW.

Declares that if a school employee provides for the administration of epinephrine to a student under chapter 18.79 RCW and chapter 28A.210 RCW in substantial compliance with: (1) Rules adopted by the state nursing care quality assurance commission and the instructions of a registered nurse or advanced registered nurse practitioner issued under such rules, and (2) written policies of the school district, then the employee, the employee's school district and school of employment shall not be liable in any criminal action or for civil damages in their individual, marital, governmental, corporate, or other capacity as a result of providing ephinephrine.

Declares that, to be eligible to administer epinephrine, an employee not licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW, shall file, without coercion by the employer, a voluntary written, current, and unexpired letter of intent stating the employee's willingness to administer epinephrine in compliance with established guidelines.

Provides that, if a public school employee who is not licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW chooses not to file a letter under this section, the employee shall not be subject to any employer reprisal or disciplinary action for refusing to file a letter.