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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe and Thibaudeau)

Brief Description: Accommodating children with diabetes in schools.

SB 6641-S.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Finds that diabetes imposes significant health risks to students enrolled in the state's public and private schools and that providing for the medical needs of students with diabetes is crucial to ensure both the safety of students with diabetes and their ability to obtain the education guaranteed to all citizens of this state.

Finds that an individual health plan for each child with diabetes should be in place in the student's school and should include provisions for a parental signed release form, medical equipment and storage capacity, and exceptions from school policies, school schedule, meals and eating, disaster preparedness, inservice training for staff, legal documents for parent-designated adults who may provide care, as needed, and personnel guidelines describing who may assume responsibility for activities contained in the student's individual health plan.

Directs the superintendent of public instruction and the secretary of the department of health to develop a uniform policy for all school districts providing for the inservice training for school staff on symptoms, treatment, and monitoring of students with diabetes and on the additional observations that may be needed in different situations that may arise during the school day and during school sponsored events. The policy shall include the standards and skills that must be in place for inservice training of school staff.

Declares that a school district, school district employee, agent, or parent-designated adult who, acting in good faith and in substantial compliance with the student's individual health plan and the instructions of the student's licensed health care professional, provides assistance or services under this act shall not be liable in any criminal action or for civil damages in his or her individual or marital or governmental or corporate or other capacities as a result of the services provided under this act to students with diabetes.