

SSB 6556 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Health Care & Wellness

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.210
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) The office of the superintendent of public instruction, in
6 consultation with the department of health, shall develop anaphylactic
7 policy guidelines for schools to prevent anaphylaxis and deal with
8 medical emergencies resulting from it. The policy guidelines shall be
9 developed with input from pediatricians, school nurses, other health
10 care providers, parents of children with life-threatening allergies,
11 school administrators, teachers, and food service directors.

12 The policy guidelines shall include, but need not be limited to:

13 (a) A procedure for each school to follow to develop a treatment
14 plan including the responsibilities for school nurses and other
15 appropriate school personnel responsible for responding to a student
16 who may be experiencing anaphylaxis;

17 (b) The content of a training course for appropriate school
18 personnel for preventing and responding to a student who may be
19 experiencing anaphylaxis;

20 (c) A procedure for the development of an individualized emergency
21 health care plan for children with food or other allergies that could
22 result in anaphylaxis;

23 (d) A communication plan for the school to follow to gather and
24 disseminate information on students with food or other allergies who
25 may experience anaphylaxis;

26 (e) Strategies for reduction of the risk of exposure to
27 anaphylactic causative agents including food and other allergens.

28 (2) For the purpose of this section "anaphylaxis" means a severe
29 allergic and life-threatening reaction that is a collection of

1 symptoms, which may include breathing difficulties and a drop in blood
2 pressure or shock.

3 (3)(a) By October 15, 2008, the superintendent of public
4 instruction shall report to the select interim legislative task force
5 on comprehensive school health reform created in section 6, chapter 5,
6 Laws of 2007, on the following:

7 (i) The implementation within school districts of the 2008
8 guidelines for care of students with life-threatening food allergies
9 developed by the superintendent pursuant to section 501, chapter 522,
10 Laws of 2007, including a review of policies developed by the school
11 districts, the training provided to school personnel, and plans for
12 follow-up monitoring of policy implementation; and

13 (ii) Recommendations on requirements for effectively implementing
14 the school anaphylactic policy guidelines developed under this section.

15 (b) By March 31, 2009, the superintendent of public instruction
16 shall report policy guidelines to the appropriate committees of the
17 legislature and to school districts for the districts to use to develop
18 and adopt their policies.

19 (4) By September 1, 2009, each school district shall use the
20 guidelines developed under subsection (1) of this section to develop
21 and adopt a school district policy for each school in the district to
22 follow to assist schools to prevent anaphylaxis."

23 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Adds that the OSPI must report, by October 15, 2008, to the School Health Reform Task Force on:

(1) The implementation of the Food Allergy Guidelines within school districts, including a review of school district policies, the training provided to school personnel, and plans for follow-up monitoring of implementation; and

(2) Recommendations on requirements for effectively implementing the School Anaphylactic Policy Guidelines to be developed under the bill.

Adds that the OSPI must report the School Anaphylactic Policy Guidelines to the Legislature, as well as to the school districts, by March 31, 2009.

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