



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments*

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The Senate Committee adopted amendments that modify the House-passed version as follows:

--Adds a provision that authorizes chartered and nonchartered nonpublic schools, as well as day camps operated by certain political subdivisions, to procure and administer epinephrine in the same manner as public schools and other camps are authorized by the bill.

--Adds a provision that encourages school districts to maintain, at all times, at least two epinephrine autoinjectors at each school operated by them.

--Adds a provision that authorizes licensed athletic trainers (in addition to school nurses) to access and use epinephrine autoinjectors without obtaining special training.

--Adds a provision that authorizes public and private schools and camps to designate contractors as persons who may (in addition to employees) access and use epinephrine autoinjectors in accordance with the bill.

--Removes the provision that would have required the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy to approve protocols for epinephrine administration.

--Replaces the "absolute" immunity from civil liability that applied relative to schools with a provision that grants public and private schools "qualified" immunity (i.e., excludes willful or wanton behavior for acts or omissions associated with the procurement, maintenance, accessing, or use of epinephrine autoinjectors, and extends the same qualified immunity to camps.

--Adds a provision that requires a district board of education that elects to procure epinephrine autoinjectors to mandate that the district's superintendent adopt a policy governing their maintenance and use.

* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.

--Removes provisions that would have authorized (1) camps to receive donations of epinephrine autoinjectors from manufacturers and (2) school principals to receive donations from any person directly.

--Adds an emergency clause.

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