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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 942

Introduced by Assembly Members Leno and Firebaugh

February 20, 2003

An act to add Section 49414.5 to the Education Code, relating to pupil health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 942, as amended, Leno. Emergency medical services: diabetes.

Existing law provides that each pupil who is required to take, during the regular schoolday, medication prescribed for him or her by a physician, may be assisted by the school nurse or other designated school personnel if the school district receives a written statement from the physician detailing the method, amount, and time schedules by which the medication is to be taken and a written statement from the parent or guardian of the pupil indicating the desire that the school district assist the pupil in the matters set forth in the physician's statement.

This bill would authorize each school district to provide voluntary emergency medical training to school personnel, as defined, to administer emergency medical assistance to pupils with diabetes *suffering from severe hypoglycemia* in the absence of a credentialed school nurse or other licensed nurse, in accordance with standards for training *and supervision* established by the State Department of Health Services' Diabetes Control Program. The bill would permit certain

pupils *with specified authorization* to test their blood glucose level and provide diabetes self-care in any area of the school or *school grounds*, during any school-related activity, *and*, upon the request of the pupil's parent or guardian ~~and with physician authorization~~, *in a private location*.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 49414.5 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:

3 49414.5. (a) In the absence of a credentialed school nurse or
4 other licensed nurse onsite the school, each school district may
5 provide school personnel with voluntary emergency medical
6 training to provide emergency medical assistance to pupils with
7 diabetes *suffering from severe hypoglycemia* in accordance with
8 standards established pursuant to subdivision (b) and the
9 instructions set forth by the ~~physician~~ *licensed health care*
10 *provider* of the pupil.

11 (b) (1) The State Department of Health Services' Diabetes
12 Control Program, working in cooperation with the Board of
13 Registered Nursing, the State Department of Education, the
14 American Diabetes Association, the California School Nurses
15 Organization, the California Medical Association, and the
16 American Academy of Pediatrics, shall establish standards of
17 training *and supervision* for school personnel in providing
18 emergency medical assistance to pupils with diabetes *suffering*
19 *from severe hypoglycemia*.

20 (2) Training established pursuant to this subdivision shall
21 include, ~~but need not be limited to~~, all of the following:

22 (A) Recognition and treatment of hypoglycemia.

23 (B) Administration of glucagon.

24 (C) Basic emergency followup procedures, including, but not
25 limited to, calling the emergency 911 phone number and
26 contacting, if possible, the pupil's parent ~~and physician or~~
27 *guardian and licensed health care provider*.

28 (3) Training by a physician, credentialed school nurse, ~~or other~~
29 ~~licensed nurse registered nurse, or certificated public health nurse~~



1 according to the standards established pursuant to this section shall
2 be deemed adequate training for the purposes of this section.

3 (4) A school employee shall notify the credentialed school
4 nurse assigned to the school district whenever he or she
5 administers glucagon pursuant to this section.

6 (5) All materials necessary to administer the glucagon shall be
7 provided by the parent or guardian of the pupil.

8 (c) In the case of a pupil who is able to self-test and monitor his
9 or her blood glucose level , upon written request of the parent or
10 guardian, and with authorization of the ~~physician~~ *licensed health*
11 *care provider* of the pupil, a pupil with diabetes shall be permitted
12 to test his or her blood glucose level and to otherwise provide
13 diabetes self-care in the classroom, in any area of the school or
14 school grounds, during any school-related activity, and, upon
15 specific request by a parent or guardian, *in a private location*.

16 (d) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have
17 the following meanings:

18 (1) “School personnel” means any one or more employees of
19 a school district who volunteer to be trained to administer
20 emergency medical assistance to a pupil with diabetes.

21 (2) “Emergency medical assistance” means the administration
22 of glucagon to a pupil who is suffering from severe hypoglycemia.

