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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, *in the absence of a credentialed school nurse or other licensed nurse*, 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 *performance*

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, 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 *at* 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, *and volunteer*
8 *personnel shall provide this emergency care*, in accordance with
9 standards established pursuant to subdivision (b) and the
10 *performance* instructions set forth by the licensed health care
11 provider of the pupil.

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

21 *(b) (1) The State Department of Health Services’ Diabetes*
22 *Prevention and Control Program shall approve for distribution*
23 *performance standards for the training and supervision of school*
24 *personnel in providing emergency medical assistance to pupils*
25 *with diabetes suffering from severe hypoglycemia. The*
26 *performance standards shall be developed by the American*
27 *Diabetes Association working in cooperation with the Department*
28 *of Education, the California School Nurses Organization, the*



1 *California Medical Association, and the American Academy of*
2 *Pediatrics.*

3 (2) Training established pursuant to this subdivision shall
4 include all of the following:

5 (A) Recognition and treatment of hypoglycemia.

6 (B) Administration of glucagon.

7 (C) Basic emergency followup procedures, including, but not
8 limited to, calling the emergency 911 phone number and
9 contacting, if possible, the pupil's parent or guardian and licensed
10 health care provider.

11 (3) *Upon the final approval of the performance standards, the*
12 *Department of Health Services' Diabetes Prevention and Control*
13 *Program shall make the performance standards available for*
14 *distribution upon request.*

15 (4) Training by a physician, credentialed school nurse,
16 registered nurse, or certificated public health nurse according to
17 the standards established pursuant to this section shall be deemed
18 adequate training for the purposes of this section.

19 ~~(4)~~

20 (5) A school employee shall notify the credentialed school
21 nurse assigned to the school district ~~whenever~~ *if* he or she
22 administers glucagon pursuant to this section.

23 ~~(5)~~

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

26 (c) In the case of a pupil who is able to self-test and monitor his
27 or her blood glucose ~~level~~, *level*, upon written request of the parent
28 or guardian, and with authorization of the licensed health care
29 provider of the pupil, a pupil with diabetes shall be permitted to test
30 his or her blood glucose level and to otherwise provide diabetes
31 self-care in the classroom, in any area of the school or school
32 grounds, during any school-related activity, and, upon specific
33 request by a parent or guardian, in a private location.

34 (d) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have
35 the following meanings:

36 (1) "School personnel" means any one or more employees of
37 a school district who volunteer to be trained to administer
38 emergency medical assistance to a pupil with diabetes.

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

