
HOUSE BILL 1709

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1 AN ACT Relating to the care of students with adrenal
2 insufficiency by parent-designated adults; adding a new section to
3 chapter 28A.210 RCW; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) The legislature recognizes that not
6 every public school has a full-time school nurse and that there are
7 restrictions on who can provide nursing care, including medication
8 administration, to students.

9 (b) The legislature further recognizes that parent-designated
10 adults are volunteers, who may be school employees, and who provide
11 care for the student consistent with the student's individual health
12 plan. Legislation enacted in 2002 authorized parent-designated adults
13 to provide care for students with diabetes. Legislation enacted in
14 2013 authorized parent-designated adults to provide care for students
15 with seizure disorders, including epilepsy.

16 (2) The legislature finds that adrenal insufficiency is a rare
17 condition in which the adrenal glands do not produce enough cortisol.
18 If cortisol levels drop too low, which can happen when a person is
19 stressed, ill, or injured, a person will experience abdominal pain,
20 fatigue, dizziness, and ultimately go into shock. Acute severe
21 adrenal insufficiency is a life-threatening situation that requires

1 emergency treatment with cortisol or similar medication to prevent
2 shock or other severe complications.

3 (3) Therefore, the legislature intends to authorize parent-
4 designated adults to provide care for students with adrenal
5 insufficiency.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.210
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 A parent-designated adult may provide care for students with
9 adrenal insufficiency, if needed. Requirements for parent-designated
10 adult eligibility, limitations on supervision, and related provisions
11 are provided in RCW 28A.210.260(1)(h).

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