
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," in school health services, providing
6 for administration of epinephrine auto-injectors by school
7 bus drivers.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
11 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a
12 section to read:

13 Section 1414.9. Administration of Epinephrine Auto-injectors
14 by School Bus Drivers.--(a) The provisions of 42 Pa.C.S. §§
15 8332 (relating to emergency response provider and bystander good
16 Samaritan civil immunity) and 8337.1 (relating to civil immunity
17 of school officers or employees relating to emergency care,
18 first aid and rescue) shall apply to a school bus driver when
19 all of the following apply:

1 (1) The school bus driver administers an epinephrine auto-
2 injector to a student in a manner consistent with the policies
3 established by all of the following:

4 (i) the independent contractor that employs the school bus
5 driver, if the school bus driver is employed by an independent
6 contractor;

7 (ii) the school entity that has contracted with the
8 independent contractor, if the school bus driver is employed by
9 an independent contractor; and

10 (iii) the school entity that employs the school bus driver,
11 if the school bus driver is employed by a school entity.

12 (2) The school bus driver has successfully completed a
13 training program that shall be developed and implemented by the
14 Department of Health.

15 (b) The Department of Health shall have ninety (90) days
16 from the effective date of this section to develop and implement
17 a training program to carry out the provisions of this section.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.