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**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 72**

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**Chairperson:** Greg Adams  
**Committee:** Education  
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The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 72 would require the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services, to develop and make available policy guidelines for the management of students with life-threatening allergies.

The policy guidelines shall be developed with input from pediatricians, school nurses, other health care providers with expertise in treating children with such allergies, parents of children with life-threatening allergies, school administrators, teachers, food service directors, and representative for emergency medical personnel.

The policy guidelines shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Annual education and training for school personnel on management of students with life-threatening allergies, including training related to administration of medication. In developing this part of the policy, training programs offered by other entities may be considered.
- (2) Procedure for the maintenance of a file by the school nurse or other appropriate school personnel for each student at risk for anaphylaxis.
- (3) Development of communication strategies between individual schools and local providers of emergency medical services, including appropriate instructions for emergency medical response.
- (4) Development of strategies to reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic causative agents in schools.
- (5) Procedure for extra-curricular programs such as academic outings and field trips, before and after-school programs and school-sponsored programs held on weekends.
- (6) A procedure and appropriate guidelines for the development of an individualized emergency health care plan for children with a life-threatening allergy which could result in anaphylaxis
- (7) Procedure for collection and publication of data for each administration of epinephrine to a student at risk for anaphylaxis.

- (8) Procedure for each school to develop a treatment plan including responsibilities for school nurses and other appropriate school personnel responsible for responding to a student who may be experiencing anaphylaxis.
- (9) A communication plan for the school to follow to gather and disseminate information on students with life-threatening allergies to appropriate school personnel.
- (10) Description of parental responsibilities.
- (11) Description of school responsibilities .
- (12) Description of student responsibilities.
- (13) Procedures for the placement of a student’s prescribed anaphylaxis medication(s) in a secure, but unlocked location, easily accessible by school personnel, on a field trip, on a school bus or other school-provided or coordinated transportation, or at a school-sponsored function
- (14) Immune from civil liability clause with respect to all decisions made and actions taken that are based on a good faith implementation of the guidelines developed pursuant to this section

All accredited schools, approved schools and approved early childhood education programs shall use the guidelines developed to create and adopt a policy for each school to follow.

**Principal Introducer:**

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