

FACT SHEET

— From the Department of Government Relations —

HB 6065

Rep. Tom Cross/Sen. Heather Steans

Care of Students with Diabetes Act

Position: OPPOSE

Background:

- Creates the Care of Students with Diabetes Act.
- Allows self-administration of medication by a pupil with diabetes.
- Defines a “delegated care aide” as a school employee who has volunteered to receive training in diabetes care and to assist students in implementing their diabetes care plan.
- Requires a parent or guardian to submit a diabetes care plan for a student with diabetes who seeks assistance with diabetes care in the school setting.
- Provides that a delegated care aide (teacher or school personnel) shall perform the activities and tasks necessary to assist a student with diabetes in accordance with his or her diabetes care plan.
- Delegated care aides are authorized to provide assistance by a student’s parent or guardian and serve under the supervision of the principal. The intent is to have the parent or guardian choose the teacher to be the designated care aide.

IEA Supports:

- IEA supports a task force (HJR 46) to look at all school health issues (asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, food allergies, etc.). Such a task force would allow us to discuss in detail the needs of students and how to best approach them. This would also allow input from experts in the field.
- IEA believes that only certificated school nurses or licensed health care professionals working under the direct guidance of a certificated school nurse should administer medication and provide medical treatment and health care to students. All education employees should be protected from civil liability regarding administration of medicine.
- IEA recognizes that emergency situations may require non-medical personnel to step in and believe all education employees must be trained to recognize the signs and symptoms of such imminent life-threatening conditions and how to properly administer first aid in such situations.
- IEA can support some sort of training, within the confines of institute days, that covers how a school district wants to respond to children with medical emergencies. Such training is most appropriately conducted by a certified school nurse.
- Employees must be protected from all liability in such situations.