

FACT SHEET

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SB 2929

Senator Dan Kotowski Medication Management in Schools

IEA Position: OPPOSE

Background:

- Requires that when a student needs to receive any medication in school or during school activities, a medication management plan be established.
- Requires that absent a full-time school nurse, the school principal must appoint, supervise, and coordinate the training of a designated health care aide to perform the tasks necessary to assist a student in accordance with the plan.
- Bill was held in the Senate Education committee this week and then transferred to the Senate Public Health committee for consideration next week.

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.