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Short Title: Epi Pen in Schools.

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Sponsors: Representatives Glazier, Murry, Holloway, and Fulghum (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE FOR A
SUPPLY OF EMERGENCY EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS ON SCHOOL
PROPERTY FOR USE IN AN EMERGENCY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 25A of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by
adding a new section to read:

"§ 115C-375.2A. School supply of epinephrine auto-injectors.

(a) A local board of education shall provide for a supply of emergency epinephrine auto-injectors on school property and at school-sponsored events for use by trained school personnel to provide emergency medical aid to persons suffering from an anaphylactic reaction. Each school shall store in a secure but easily accessible location, a minimum of two epinephrine auto-injectors.

(b) For the purposes of this section and G.S. 115C-375.2, "epinephrine auto-injector" means a disposable drug delivery system with a spring-activated, concealed needle that is designed for emergency administration of epinephrine to provide rapid, convenient first aid for persons suffering a potentially fatal reaction to anaphylaxis.

(c) The principal shall designate one or more school personnel, as part of the medical care program under G.S. 115C-375.1, to receive initial training and annual retraining from a school nurse or qualified representative of the local health department regarding the storage and emergency use of an epinephrine auto-injector. The school nurse or other designated school personnel who has received training under this subsection shall obtain a prescription for epinephrine auto-injectors from the medical director of the local health department or the local emergency medical services director in the local school administrative unit.

(d) The principal shall collaborate with appropriate school personnel to develop an emergency action plan for the use of epinephrine auto-injectors in an emergency. The plan shall include at least the following components:

- (1) Standards and procedures for the storage and emergency use of epinephrine auto-injectors.
- (2) Techniques for recognizing symptoms of anaphylaxis.
- (3) Emergency follow-up procedures, including calling emergency services and contacting a student's parent and physician.
- (4) Instruction and certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

(e) A supply of emergency epinephrine auto-injectors provided in accordance with this section shall not be used as a medication supply for students known to have a medical condition requiring the availability or use of an epinephrine auto-injector. Those students may be



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1 authorized to possess and self-administer their asthma medication on school property under
2 G.S. 115C-375.2.

3 (f) No local board of education, nor its members, employees, designees, agents, or
4 volunteers, shall be liable in civil damages to any party for any act authorized by this section or
5 for any omission relating to that act unless that act or omission amounts to gross negligence,
6 wanton conduct, or intentional wrongdoing."

7 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
8 the 2013-2014 school year.