

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2025

S

1

SENATE BILL 752

Short Title: Needle Free Epinephrine for Schoolchildren. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Bradley, Adcock, and Theodros (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 26, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF EPINEPHRINE NASAL SPRAY IN ADDITION TO
AUTO-INJECTORS IN SCHOOLS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) G.S. 115C-375.2(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Local boards of education shall adopt a policy authorizing a student with asthma or a student subject to anaphylactic reactions, or both, to possess and self-administer asthma medication on school property during the school day, at school-sponsored activities, or while in transit to or from school or school-sponsored events. As used in this section, "asthma medication" means a medicine prescribed for the treatment of asthma or anaphylactic reactions and includes a prescribed asthma inhaler or epinephrine ~~auto-injector-product~~. The policy shall include a requirement that the student's parent or guardian provide to the school:

...."

SECTION 1.(b) G.S. 115C-375.2A reads as rewritten:

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

(a) A local board of education shall provide for a supply of emergency epinephrine ~~auto-injectors-products~~ on school property for use by trained school personnel to provide emergency medical aid to persons suffering from an anaphylactic reaction during the school day and at school-sponsored events on school property. Each school shall store in a secure but unlocked and easily accessible location a minimum of two epinephrine ~~auto-injectors-products~~. For purposes of this section, "school property" does not include transportation to or from school.

(b) For the purposes of this section and G.S. 115C-375.2, "epinephrine ~~auto-injector-product~~" 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-anaphylaxis, including nasal sprays and injectors with a spring-activated, concealed needle~~.

(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-products~~. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the school nurse or other designated school personnel who has received training under this subsection shall obtain a non-patient specific prescription for an epinephrine ~~auto-injectors-product~~ from a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner of the local health department serving the area in which the local school administrative unit is located.



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

- 4 (1) Standards and procedures for the storage and emergency use of epinephrine
5 ~~auto-injectors~~products by trained school personnel.
- 6 (2) Training of school personnel in recognizing symptoms of anaphylaxis.
- 7 (3) Emergency follow-up procedures, including calling emergency services and
8 contacting a student's parent and physician.
- 9 (4) Instruction and certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

10 (e) A supply of emergency epinephrine ~~auto-injectors~~products provided in accordance
11 with this section shall not be used as the sole medication supply for students known to have a
12 medical condition requiring the availability or use of an epinephrine ~~auto-injector~~product. Those
13 students may be authorized to possess and self-administer their medication on school property
14 under G.S. 115C-375.2.

15"

16 **SECTION 2.(a)** 115C-218.75(a) reads as rewritten:

17 "**§ 115C-218.75. General operating requirements.**

18 (a) Health and Safety Standards. – A charter school shall meet the same health and safety
19 requirements required of a local school administrative ~~unit~~unit, including the following:

- 20 (1) The Department of Public Instruction shall ensure that charter schools provide
21 parents and guardians with information about meningococcal meningitis and
22 influenza and their vaccines at the beginning of every school year. This
23 information shall include the causes, symptoms, and how meningococcal
24 meningitis and influenza are spread and the places where parents and
25 guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their
26 children.
- 27 (2) The Department of Public Instruction shall also ensure that charter schools
28 provide parents and guardians with information about cervical cancer, cervical
29 dysplasia, human papillomavirus, and the vaccines available to prevent these
30 diseases. This information shall be provided at the beginning of the school
31 year to parents of children entering grades five through 12. This information
32 shall include the causes and symptoms of these diseases, how they are
33 transmitted, how they may be prevented by vaccination, including the benefits
34 and possible side effects of vaccination, and the places where parents and
35 guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their
36 children.
- 37 (3) The Department of Public Instruction shall also ensure that charter schools
38 provide students in grades seven through 12 with information annually on the
39 preventable risks for preterm birth in subsequent pregnancies, including
40 induced abortion, smoking, alcohol consumption, the use of illicit drugs, and
41 inadequate prenatal care.
- 42 (4) The Department of Public Instruction shall also ensure that charter schools
43 provide students in grades nine through 12 with information annually on the
44 manner in which a parent may lawfully abandon a newborn baby with a
45 responsible person, in accordance with Article 5A of Chapter 7B of the
46 General Statutes.
- 47 (5) The Department of Public Instruction shall also ensure that the guidelines for
48 individual diabetes care plans adopted by the State Board of Education under
49 G.S. 115C-12(31) are implemented in charter schools in which students with
50 diabetes are enrolled and that charter schools otherwise comply with
51 G.S. 115C-375.3.

1 (6) The Department of Public Instruction shall ensure that charter schools comply
2 with G.S. 115C-375.2A. The board of directors of a charter school shall
3 provide the school with a supply of emergency epinephrine
4 ~~auto-injectors~~products necessary to meet the requirements of
5 G.S. 115C-375.2A."

6 **SECTION 2.(b)** G.S. 115C-238.66(7) reads as rewritten:

7 "(7) Health and safety. – The board of directors shall require that the regional
8 school meet the same health and safety standards required of a local school
9 administrative unit.

10 The Department of Public Instruction shall ensure that regional schools
11 comply with G.S. 115C-375.2A. The board of directors of a regional school
12 shall provide the school with a supply of emergency epinephrine
13 ~~auto-injectors~~products necessary to carry out the provisions of
14 G.S. 115C-375.2A."

15 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
16 the 2025-2026 school year.

17