



Written proponent testimony before the

House Education Committee

on

HB 2488: Authorizing schools to maintain supplies of certain emergency medications and to administer such medication in emergency situations

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Mister Chair and Members of the Committee,

KASB submits this written testimony in support of **HB 2488**, which allows schools to stock emergency kits dispensed by a pharmacist upon a prescription for the school issued by a physician or mid-level medical professional.

KASB does not have specific legislative policy on the administration of emergency, lifesaving treatments administered at school; however, our policies, reaffirmed by our Voting Delegates in December 2019, support giving school districts the authority to address student health and wellness.

Many of our students who have conditions such as asthma or life-threatening allergies bring a treatment kit (prescribed by their doctor) to school to be held by the school nurse or other official in case it is needed. In other instances, however, children or adults with undiagnosed conditions have occasionally suffered a life-threatening event while on school grounds or at school activities. This bill would allow schools to stock emergency supplies of medical kits that could be used to treat those individuals.

We appreciate that the bill protects from civil liability a person acting in good faith who administers one of these treatments in the sincere belief that an individual is suffering anaphylactic shock. We also believe the provisions that exempt pharmacists and physicians from civil liability for prescribing or dispensing the emergency kits is helpful. Additionally, we support the provisions regarding storage of the kits and training of school personnel. Finally, we appreciate that the bill allows schools to accept donations of those emergency kits or the funds to purchase the kits.

Thank you.