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Written proponent testimony HB2086

Emergency medication kits for certain life-threatening conditions; requiring a prescription for distribution of emergency medication to schools; administration of emergency medication by school personnel

House Education Committee

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Kansas Association of School Boards

Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee,

KASB submits this written testimony in support of the draft bill allowing schools to stock emergency medication 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 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 emergency medication (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 or for whom possessing these medications is cost prohibitive have occasionally suffered a life-threatening event while on school grounds or at school activities. This bill would allow schools to stock supplies of emergency medicines 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 as well as school districts who employ or contract with those individuals. We also believe the provisions that exempt pharmacists and physicians from civil liability for prescribing or dispensing the emergency kits are helpful. Additionally, we support the provisions regarding storage of the medicine and training of school personnel. Finally, we appreciate that the bill allows schools to accept donations of those emergency medicines or the funds to purchase them.