

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass  
**Vote:** 4 - 0 - 1  
**Yeas:** Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Walker  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** Westlund  
**Prepared By:** Dana Richardson, Administrator  
**Meeting Dates:** 4/19

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires school district boards to adopt policies and procedures for kindergarten through grade 12 students to self-administer asthma or severe allergy medication. Absolves certain school personnel from criminal action or for civil damages if assisting with student's self-administration of medication under certain circumstances. Declares an emergency; effective July 1, 2007.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Interpretation of language regarding person designated to observe student's demonstration of ability to self-administer medication
- Liability issues

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Asthma is the most common chronic disease among children. An estimated 10% of any school population may experience symptoms. Some students only need medication when experiencing symptoms, while others require daily medication to maintain control.

Senate Bill 533, that would have allowed students to self-administer asthma medication, was heard by this committee in February 2007 and again in March 2007. Because of the relating clause, medications for severe allergies could not be included in that bill. Therefore, SB 1040 was drafted to allow students to self-administer medication for asthma and severe allergies.