

**PRELIMINARY** STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Education

**REVENUE: No revenue impact****FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Gretchen Engbring, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 3/12

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires State Board of Education to adopt rules under which school personnel may administer medications that treat adrenal insufficiency to students experiencing adrenal crises. Provides for training of personnel on the treatment of adrenal insufficiency. Authorizes trained personnel to administer treatment with permission from parent or guardian if licensed health care professional is not immediately available. Defines terms. Becomes operative January 1, 2016. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:****EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** Adrenal insufficiency is a hormonal disorder characterized by the failure of the adrenal glands to produce adequate amounts of steroid hormones, including cortisol. Adrenal insufficiency may lead to an adrenal crisis – a sudden, severe worsening of symptoms including pain in the lower back, abdomen or legs, vomiting, diarrhea, dehydration, low blood pressure, or loss of consciousness. An adrenal crisis may be life threatening, but can be treated with injectable hydrocortisone and fluid support.