

**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, 4/16

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires State Board of Education (SBE) 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:**

- Number of students affected by adrenal insufficiency
- Risk to life of student experiencing adrenal crisis
- Treatment options for student suffering adrenal crisis
- Medical implications associated with under or over-medicating student experiencing adrenal crisis
- School personnel training required to administer treatment to student experiencing adrenal crisis
- Available personnel at each school, athletic event, or field trip to assist student experiencing adrenal crisis
- School personnel comfort level with administering treatment

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

-1 amendments (proposed) require SBE to adopt rules that include guidelines on designation and training of school personnel responsible for administering medication and specify that school district is only required to train school personnel when school district has been notified by parent or guardian that student enrolled in school of school district has been diagnosed with adrenal insufficiency.

**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.