

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/04/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 05/04

Vote:

Yeas: 3 - Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Shields

Exc: 2 - Knopp, Steiner Hayward

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes that a registered nurse who is employed by a public or private school may accept orders from a licensed physician or osteopath in other state or U.S. territory if the order is related to treatment of a student who has been enrolled at the school for not more than 90 days.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- If family moves and medical records are from another state, this is legally insufficient to allow school nurses to administer necessary medication
- Rural communities are impacted by wait time to get in-state physician
- Families need to be able to obtain medical orders to keep children in school activities

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Current law states that written medical orders need to be submitted by an in-state physician within 90 days. For individuals that have moved into the state, that is generally not enough time to establish care, as wait times for a new patient can surpass the 90-day deadline. House Bill 3149 establishes that a registered nurse at a public or private school may accept doctor's orders from an out-of-state physician and that the registered nurse can treat a patient enrolled at a school that has not been enrolled at that school for longer than 90 days.