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Bill Analysis

SB 85 expands the definition of medical personnel to include persons employed by any public school, charter school, and technology center. Under the measure, medical personnel are defined as certified school nurses or other nurses, licensed practitioners of the healing arts, or any person designated by school administrators to administer opiate antagonists.

The measure authorizes medical personnel employed by the district to administer opiate antagonists to a student or individual in the event of a suspected overdose. Personnel designated as medical may also receive training from the State Department of Health in recognizing signs of an opiate overdose and administering opiate antagonists. The measure allows school districts lacking in medical personnel to authorize any person to administer opiate antagonists. Personnel administering opiate antagonists are covered by the Good Samaritan Act under this measure.

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