

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT  
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4 Stinson of the House  
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7 Cole Act; providing short title; amending 70 O.S.  
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14 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, lines 6 through 12, strike the title

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

21 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
22 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

23 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Emerson Kate  
24 Cole Act".

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 1-116.3, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 1-116.3. A. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section  
1-116.2 of this title, the board of education of each school  
district shall adopt a policy on or before September 1, 2008, that

1 permits the self-administration of inhaled asthma medication by a  
2 student for treatment of asthma, the self-administration of  
3 anaphylaxis medication by a student for treatment of anaphylaxis,  
4 and the self-administration of replacement pancreatic enzymes by a  
5 student for treatment of cystic fibrosis. The policy shall require:

6 1. The parent or legal guardian of the student to authorize in  
7 writing the student's self-administration of medication;

8 2. The parent or legal guardian of the student to provide to  
9 the school a written statement from the physician treating the  
10 student that the student has asthma, anaphylaxis, or cystic fibrosis  
11 and is capable of, and has been instructed in the proper method of,  
12 self-administration of medication;

13 3. The parent or legal guardian of the student to provide to  
14 the school an emergency supply of the student's medication to be  
15 administered pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-116.2 of this  
16 title;

17 4. The school district to inform the parent or legal guardian  
18 of the student, in writing, that the school district and its  
19 employees and agents shall incur no liability as a result of any  
20 injury arising from the self-administration of medication by the  
21 student; and

22 5. The parent or legal guardian of the student to sign a  
23 statement acknowledging that the school district shall incur no  
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1 liability as a result of any injury arising from the self-  
2 administration of medication by the student.

3 B. The ~~school~~ board of education of each school district that  
4 elects to stock Epinephrine injectors or inhalers shall amend the  
5 policy identified in subsection A of this section.

6 1. The amended policy for Epinephrine injectors shall require:

7 a. the school district to inform the parent or legal  
8 guardian of each student, in writing, that a school  
9 nurse or school employee trained by a health care  
10 professional or trained in correlation with the State  
11 Department of Health's ~~Diabetes Management Annual~~  
12 ~~School Training Program~~ annual diabetes management  
13 training may administer, with parent or legal guardian  
14 permission but without a health care provider order,  
15 an Epinephrine injection to a student whom the school  
16 nurse or trained school employee in good faith  
17 believes is having an anaphylactic reaction,

18 b. a waiver of liability executed by a parent or legal  
19 guardian to be on file with the school district prior  
20 to the administration of an Epinephrine injection  
21 pursuant to subparagraph a of this paragraph ~~4~~ of this  
22 subsection, and  
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1           c.    the school district to designate the employee  
2               responsible for obtaining the Epinephrine injectors at  
3               each school site.

4       2.   The amended policy for inhalers shall require:

5           a.   the school district to inform the parent or legal  
6               guardian of each student, in writing, that a school  
7               nurse or school employee trained by a health care  
8               professional may administer an inhaler to a student  
9               whom the school nurse or trained school employee in  
10              good faith believes is having respiratory distress,

11          b.   the school district to designate the employee  
12               responsible for obtaining the inhalers and spacers or  
13               holding chambers at each school site, and

14          c.   the school district to notify the parent or legal  
15               guardian of a student after administration of an  
16               inhaler.

17       C.   The school district and its employees and agents shall incur  
18   no liability as a result of any injury arising pursuant to the  
19   discharge or nondischarge of the powers provided for pursuant to  
20   subparagraph a of paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection B of this  
21   section.

22       D.   A licensed physician who has prescriptive authority may  
23   write a prescription for Epinephrine injectors and inhalers and  
24   spacers or holding chambers to the school district in the name of

1 the district as a body corporate specified in Section 5-105 of this  
2 title which shall be maintained at each school site. Such physician  
3 shall incur no liability as a result of any injury arising from the  
4 use of the Epinephrine injectors or the inhalers and spacers or  
5 holding chambers.

6 E. The school district may maintain at each school a minimum of  
7 two Epinephrine injectors and two inhalers with spacers or holding  
8 chambers in a secure location. Provided, however, that nothing in  
9 this section shall be construed as creating or imposing a duty on a  
10 school district to maintain Epinephrine injectors or inhalers with  
11 spacers or holding chambers at a school site or sites.

12 F. In the event a student is believed to be having an  
13 anaphylactic reaction or respiratory distress, a school employee  
14 shall contact 911 as soon as possible. If Epinephrine is  
15 administered to a student, a school employee shall contact 911 as  
16 soon as possible. The school district shall notify the parent or  
17 legal guardian of any student who experiences a possible allergic  
18 reaction as soon as possible.

19 G. The State Board of Education, in consultation with the State  
20 Board of Health, shall develop model policies which school districts  
21 may use in compliance with this section. The model policies shall  
22 include, at a minimum, required annual training for teachers and  
23 school employees who are directly responsible for students on the  
24 topics of food allergies, recognizing anaphylaxis, and instruction

1 on how to administer Epinephrine. The training shall be completed  
2 before the school year begins or upon hiring the teacher or school  
3 employee. Documentation certifying completion of the required  
4 training shall be retained in the personnel file for the teacher or  
5 school employee. The training may be provided online or in person  
6 by the school nurse or a recognized food allergy and anaphylaxis  
7 training program.

8 H. The State Board of Education, in consultation with the State  
9 Board of Health, shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

10 I. As used in this section:

11 1. "Medication" means a metered dose inhaler or a dry powder  
12 inhaler to alleviate asthmatic symptoms, prescribed by a physician  
13 and having an individual label, an anaphylaxis medication used to  
14 treat anaphylaxis including but not limited to Epinephrine injectors  
15 prescribed by a physician and having an individual label, or  
16 replacement pancreatic enzymes prescribed by a physician and having  
17 an individual label; ~~and~~

18 2. "Self-administration" means a student's use of medication  
19 pursuant to prescription or written direction from a physician~~;~~;

20 3. "Respiratory distress" means the perceived or actual  
21 presence of coughing, wheezing~~,~~, or shortness of breath; and

22 4. "Inhaler" means a device that delivers a bronchodilator to  
23 alleviate symptoms of respiratory distress that is manufactured in  
24 the form of a metered-dose inhaler or dry-powder inhaler and that

1 may include a spacer or holding chamber that attaches to the inhaler  
2 to improve the delivery of the bronchodilator.

3 J. The permission for self-administration of asthma,  
4 anaphylaxis, or replacement pancreatic enzyme medication is  
5 effective for the school year for which it is granted and shall be  
6 renewed each subsequent school year upon fulfillment of the  
7 requirements of this section.

8 K. A student who is permitted to self-administer asthma,  
9 anaphylaxis, or replacement pancreatic enzyme medication pursuant to  
10 this section shall be permitted to possess and use a prescribed  
11 inhaler, anaphylaxis medication including but not limited to an  
12 Epinephrine injector, or replacement pancreatic enzyme medication at  
13 all times.

14 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

15 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
16 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby  
17 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
18 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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