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SENATE BILL 23-299

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

Senate Committees
Education

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENT TO ACQUIRE EPINEPHRINE**
102 **AUTO-INJECTORS FOR PLACEMENT AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER**
103 **EDUCATION.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires each institution of higher education (institution) to acquire and stock a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors in each student housing facility and cafeteria. The bill encourages each institution to place epinephrine auto-injectors in sufficient quantities in emergency public access stations to ensure reasonable availability to a person

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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perceived to be experiencing anaphylaxis.

The bill encourages the person, immediately after using an epinephrine auto-injector, to report the event to the institution's nurse, or the nurse's designee, so the nurse or nurse's designee can provide the appropriate follow-up care, which may include making a 911 emergency call.

The bill requires an institution to accept a donation of a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors that meets standards established by the federal food and drug administration, and to accept gifts, grants, and donations, including in-kind donations, designated for obtaining a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors.

The bill provides immunity for any person who acts in good faith to furnish or administer an epinephrine auto-injector to an individual the person believes is experiencing anaphylaxis.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 23-5-149 as
3 follows:

4 **23-5-149. Epinephrine auto-injectors at institutions of higher**
5 **education - immunity - short title.** (1) THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS
6 SECTION IS "SYDNEY MEEGAN'S LAW".

7 (2) EACH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN
8 SECTION 23-18-102, SHALL ACQUIRE AND STOCK A SUPPLY OF EPINEPHRINE
9 AUTO-INJECTORS.

10 (3) EACH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IS ENCOURAGED,
11 BUT IS NOT REQUIRED, TO:

12 (a) PLACE EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS IN REASONABLE
13 QUANTITIES TO ENSURE AVAILABILITY FOR USE BY A PERSON PERCEIVED
14 TO BE EXPERIENCING ANAPHYLAXIS; AND

15 (b) STORE EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS IN AN EMERGENCY
16 PUBLIC ACCESS STATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 47 OF TITLE 25.

17 (4) NOTWITHSTANDING ARTICLE 47 OF TITLE 25, ANY PERSON IS

1 PERMITTED TO RETRIEVE AND USE AN EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR
2 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

3 (5) IMMEDIATELY AFTER USING AN EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR,
4 THE PERSON IS ENCOURAGED TO MAKE A 911 EMERGENCY CALL.

5 (6) AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IS ENCOURAGED TO
6 ACCEPT A DONATION OF A SUPPLY OF EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS THAT
7 MEETS STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG
8 ADMINISTRATION. AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL ALSO
9 ACCEPT GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS, INCLUDING IN-KIND DONATIONS,
10 DESIGNATED FOR OBTAINING A SUPPLY OF EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS.

11 (7) EACH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT A
12 POLICY CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS
13 THAT FOCUSES ON AREAS WHERE STUDENTS GATHER IN THE LARGEST
14 VOLUMES, INCLUDING IN DORMITORIES AND DINING HALLS.

15 (8) A PERSON WHO ACTS REASONABLY AND IN GOOD FAITH TO
16 FURNISH OR ADMINISTER AN EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR, INCLUDING AN
17 EXPIRED EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR, TO AN INDIVIDUAL THE PERSON
18 REASONABLY BELIEVES TO BE EXPERIENCING ANAPHYLAXIS MAY ASSERT
19 THE IMMUNITY SET FORTH IN SECTION 25-47-107.

20 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
21 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
22 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.