

CHAPTER 282

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOUSE BILL 25-1293

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AN ACT

CONCERNING MEASURES RELATED TO OVERDOSE PREVENTION FOR STUDENTS.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1005, **add** (2.2) as follows:

22-7-1005. Preschool through elementary and secondary education - aligned standards - adoption - revisions - notice to revisor of statutes. (2.2) (a) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ENSURE THAT THE NINTH THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE HEALTH STANDARDS IDENTIFY THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS THAT A STUDENT SHOULD ACQUIRE RELATING TO DRUG OVERDOSES, INCLUDING FENTANYL AND OTHER OPIOID-RELATED DRUG OVERDOSES. THE STANDARDS MUST INCLUDE EVIDENCE-BASED KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS REGARDING DRUG OVERDOSE RISKS, IDENTIFICATION OF A DRUG OVERDOSE EVENT, AND DRUG OVERDOSE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE, AND MUST PROMOTE POSITIVE SOCIAL NORMS CONCERNING THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS.

(b) THE STATE BOARD MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (2.2).

(c) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE BOARD SHALL COMPLETE THE DUTY DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2.2)(a) OF THIS SECTION ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2028, IF MONEY IS AVAILABLE TO PERFORM THE DUTY ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2028. IF MONEY IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR THE STATE BOARD, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OR ANY OTHER ENTITY NECESSARY TO PERFORM THE

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DUTY REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2.2)(a) OF THIS SECTION ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2028, THE STATE BOARD IS REQUIRED TO PERFORM THE DUTY ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2032, PURSUANT TO THE STANDARD SCHEDULE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION.

(II) THE REQUIREMENT TO COMPLETE THE DUTY DESCRIBED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2.2)(a) OF THIS SECTION ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2028, TAKES EFFECT IF THE STATE BOARD RECEIVES TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS OF GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION (2.2) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2026. THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL NOTIFY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES IN WRITING OF THE DATE ON WHICH THE CONDITION SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2.2)(c)(II) HAS OCCURRED BY EMAILING THE NOTICE TO REVISOROFSTATUTES.GA@COLEG.GOV.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-1-119.1, **amend** (1)(c) and (4); and **add** (5) as follows:

22-1-119.1. Policy for employee and agent possession and administration of opioid antagonists - definitions. (1) A school district board of education of a public school, the state charter school institute for an institute charter school, or the governing board of a nonpublic school may adopt and implement a policy whereby:

(c) An employee or agent of the school may furnish ~~opiate~~ OPIOID antagonists on school grounds or on a school bus to ~~any~~ AN individual, including a student. ~~but shall only furnish an opiate antagonist to a student if the student has received appropriate school-sponsored training.~~

(4) The general assembly encourages each school district board of education, the charter school institute, and each governing board of a nonpublic school to adopt and implement a policy for an employee or agent of the school to furnish an ~~opiate~~ OPIOID antagonist on school grounds or on a school bus to ~~any~~ AN individual, including a student. In developing the policy, the general assembly also encourages each school district board of education, the charter school institute, and each governing board of a nonpublic school to consider parent and student input; include education and training to parents and students regarding ~~opiate~~ OPIOID antagonists, ~~opiate~~ NON-LABORATORY OPIOID detection tests, or non-laboratory ADDITIVE detection tests; consider recommendations to students of a certain age or grade level for whom the policy applies; and collaborate with groups ~~who~~ THAT have developed ~~opiate~~ OPIOID education and awareness campaigns to enhance the policy.

(5) A SCHOOL DISTRICT, A DISTRICT SCHOOL, A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL, THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE, AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL, OR A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING ACQUIRING AND MAINTAINING A STOCK SUPPLY OF OPIOID ANTAGONISTS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION, PROVIDING TRAINING TO EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO ADMINISTER AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, AND PROVIDING TRAINING TO STUDENTS.

SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final

adjournment of the general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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