

# SENATE BILL 621

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Epinephrine Availability and Use – Policy Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education to establish a policy to  
4 authorize certain school personnel to administer auto-injectable epinephrine to  
5 certain students under certain circumstances; requiring a certain policy to  
6 include certain information; providing that a certain policy may authorize a  
7 school nurse to obtain and store at a public school auto-injectable epinephrine  
8 for certain purposes; requiring certain public schools to submit a certain report  
9 to the State Department of Education; requiring the Department to develop and  
10 disseminate a certain standard form; defining certain terms; and generally  
11 relating to an epinephrine availability and use policy in public schools.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Education  
14 Section 7-426.2  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Education**

20 **7-426.2.**

21 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE  
22 MEANINGS INDICATED.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (2) "ANAPHYLAXIS" MEANS A SUDDEN, SEVERE, AND  
2 POTENTIALLY LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGIC REACTION THAT OCCURS WHEN  
3 AN INDIVIDUAL IS EXPOSED TO AN ALLERGEN.

4           (3) "AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE" MEANS A PORTABLE,  
5 DISPOSABLE DRUG DELIVERY DEVICE THAT CONTAINS A PREMEASURED SINGLE  
6 DOSE OF EPINEPHRINE THAT IS USED TO TREAT ANAPHYLAXIS IN AN  
7 EMERGENCY SITUATION.

8           (B) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH A POLICY FOR PUBLIC  
9 SCHOOLS WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL NURSE AND  
10 OTHER SCHOOL PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE,  
11 IF AVAILABLE, TO A STUDENT WHO IS DETERMINED TO BE OR PERCEIVED TO BE  
12 IN ANAPHYLAXIS, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE STUDENT:

13           (1) HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS HAVING AN ANAPHYLACTIC  
14 ALLERGY, AS DEFINED IN § 7-426.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR

15           (2) HAS A PRESCRIPTION FOR EPINEPHRINE AS PRESCRIBED BY  
16 AN AUTHORIZED LICENSED HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER UNDER THE HEALTH  
17 OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.

18           (C) (1) THE POLICY ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS  
19 SECTION SHALL INCLUDE:

20           (I) TRAINING FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL ON HOW TO  
21 RECOGNIZE THE SYMPTOMS OF ANAPHYLAXIS;

22           (II) PROCEDURES FOR THE EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION  
23 OF AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE; AND

24           (III) THE PROPER FOLLOW-UP EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.

25           (2) THE POLICY MAY INCLUDE A PROVISION AUTHORIZING A  
26 SCHOOL NURSE TO OBTAIN AND STORE AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL AUTO-INJECTABLE  
27 EPINEPHRINE TO BE USED IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.

28           (D) (1) EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL SUBMIT, ON THE FORM THAT  
29 THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES, A REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT ON EACH  
30 INCIDENT AT THE SCHOOL OR AT A RELATED SCHOOL EVENT THAT REQUIRED  
31 THE USE OF AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE.

1                   (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND DISSEMINATE A  
2 STANDARD FORM TO REPORT EACH INCIDENT REQUIRING THE USE OF  
3 AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL.

4                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5 July 1, 2012.