

HB 922 -- Allergy Prevention and Response in Schools

Sponsor: Smith (14)

This bill requires each school district to adopt a policy on allergy prevention and response by July 1, 2011, with priority given to addressing potentially deadly food-borne allergies. Elements that the policy must contain include distinguishing between building-wide, classroom, and individual approaches to allergy prevention and management; providing an age-appropriate response to building-level and classroom-level allergy education and prevention; describing the role of certificated and noncertificated staff, parents, and other students in preventing and mitigating allergies; addressing confidentiality issues relating to sharing student medical information; and coordinating with other entities to ensure that existing school safety and environmental policies do not conflict. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, in cooperation with any appropriate professional association, must develop a model policy by July 1, 2010.