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OASN supports the availability of FDA approved epinephrine delivery systems in the school setting to provide necessary emergency treatment to students experiencing life-threatening anaphylaxis due to severe allergies. Availability of these delivery systems to the student and the School Nurse can be a matter of life or death in a time of crisis. As this amendment is addressing language in ORC 3313.718 and 3314.141 (student self-carrying), we do ask you to broaden to include ORC 3313.7110 and 3313.7111 (procurement of stock medications) as well.

Research shows that efficacy of both devices is comparable with only slight variations in absorption rate and concentration of medication in the blood stream after administration (Thompson, Dennis, (10/2/25) Adrenaline nasal spray works as well as EpiPen for allergic shock. Health Day. <https://www.healthday.com/health-news/allergies/adrenaline-nasal-sprays-work-as-well-as-epipen-for-allergic-shock>). The ease of administration of a nasal spray, especially for non-medical staff who may be delegated to administer in the absence of a nurse is an asset as well. The shelf life of the nasal delivery system is also slightly longer than that of the auto-injectors. As the cost of procuring and scheduled replacement of these delivery systems for stock purposes normally falls to the school district, this may be advantageous from a cost perspective. There is currently an Epi-pen for Schools program that provides free auto-injectors to schools for stock purposes, so it would be left to districts to make the financial decision that works best for them.

We would like you to consider that limiting the verbiage of this bill to only epinephrine auto-injectors and nasal devices may require future bill revisions as newer technological advances are made. Allowing for a more general verbiage such as epinephrine delivery systems, the potential need for future revisions may be diminished. This verbiage does not change the context of the bill, but does allow for additional technological advances in delivery systems should they become available. Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

The Ohio Association of School Nurses (OASN), an affiliate of the National Association of School Nurses (NASN), is the professional association for nurses working in Ohio schools and providing school health services. OASN's purpose is as multifaceted and dynamic as issues of health and wellness in Ohio's school aged children and their school communities. Our Board partners with other health organizations and advocates for health policy and legislation that will affect the health of children and our school communities.

The OASN Mission *promotes optimal wellness among Ohio's school children and their communities by supporting their educational success & providing leadership, education & support for the practice of school nursing.*

Thank you for sponsoring and moving this legislation forward.



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