



# Caring for Ohio's Children

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The Ohio Association of School Nurses (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 passed by the House, this bill addresses language in ORC 3313.718 and 3314.141 for students to self-carry an epinephrine nasal delivery device. As H.B. 462 202-2026 moves into the Senate, the Ohio Association of School Nurses (OASN) would like to take this opportunity to address additional delivery systems for epinephrine in the school setting. We ask you to broaden verbiage to include any language in the ORC that states an “epinephrine auto injector” is allowed in schools to “epinephrine delivery system” including ORC 3313.7110, 3313.7111, 3313.718, and 3314.141.

Research shows that efficacy of injectable and nasal 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. New research is paving the way for other delivery systems that are equally efficacious and easy to administer.

As written, however, this bill limits delivery of lifesaving epinephrine to injection or nasal inhalation. Additional methods, such as a sub-lingual tablet, may be introduced in the near future. Expanding the verbiage to epinephrine delivery systems would negate the need for future revisions as new medication delivery systems are vetted and prescribed. This verbiage does not change the context of the bill but does allow for additional technological advances in delivery systems should they become available and allows parents and prescribers to provide the treatment of choice during the school day. 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.*



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