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ALLOWABLE WAYS TO ADMINISTER EPINEPHRINE

House Bill 5049 as reported from committee
Sponsor: Rep. Regina Weiss

House Bill 5050 as reported from committee
Sponsor: Rep. Will Snyder

House Bills 5051 to 5054 as reported from committee
Sponsor: Rep. Nancy DeBoer

Committee: Education and Workforce
2nd Committee (HB 5050): Rules
Complete to 12-17-25

SUMMARY:

House Bill 5049 would amend the Revised School Code to change what devices may be used to administer epinephrine in schools. Presently, certain individuals are allowed to use an epinephrine auto-injector if they have been properly trained. The bill would allow the use of an ***epinephrine delivery system***, as defined in the Public Health Code (HB 5050).

380.1179a

House Bill 5050 would amend the Public Health Code to add a definition for ***epinephrine delivery system*** and to update references from "auto-injector" to "delivery system."

> ***Epinephrine delivery system*** would include, but not be limited to, an epinephrine auto-injector, an epinephrine inhaler, or epinephrine nasal spray.

MCL 333.17744a and 333.17744d

House Bill 5051 would amend the Law Enforcement and Firefighter Access to Epinephrine Act to update references from "auto-injector" to "delivery system." The bill would add a definition for *epinephrine delivery system* that matches the one in HB 5050.

MCL 28.821 et seq.

House Bill 5052 would amend 1973 PA 116 (which governs childcare organizations) to update references from "auto-injector" to "delivery system." The bill would cite the definition added to the Public Health Code by HB 5050.

MCL 722.127a

House Bill 5053 would amend section the Public Health Code to update references from "auto-injector" to "delivery system" and to add a definition for *epinephrine delivery system* that matches the definition added by HB 5050.

MCL 333.20919

House Bill 5054 would the Revised School Code to update references from "auto-injector" to "delivery system" and cite the definition for *epinephrine delivery system* added to the Public Health Code by HB 5050.

MCL 380.1178 and 380.1179

None of the bills can take effect unless all of them are enacted.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

Epinephrine is a medicine that reverses the effects of an allergic reaction, and the device commonly referred to by the trademark name "EpiPen" is an injectable delivery system that provides the necessary dose to an individual experiencing a life-threatening allergic reaction (often to a food). Current law specifically references the EpiPen device as the method of administering epinephrine that is required to be housed in certain public buildings, including schools.

The bill would update these references to include recent advances in technology for how epinephrine can be delivered to an individual suffering a reaction. According to testimony presented in committee, the newer technologies bring additional benefits, including being shelf-stable for longer than EpiPens as well as being easier for bystanders to administer to someone suffering an allergic reaction. Proponents of the bill also note that with the increased shelf-life of the newer delivery devices, schools could see cost savings from not having to replace their supply of devices as often as presently needed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bills would have no fiscal impact on the state or on local school districts, intermediate school districts (ISDs), or public school academies (PSAs).

POSITIONS:

Representatives of the following entities testified in support of the bills (10-22-25):

- Michigan Association of School Nurses
- Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health

The following entities indicated support for the bills (10-22-25):

- Michigan Department of Education
- Michigan Parent Teacher Association
- Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America

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