

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2013 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Education**

**CS/SB 284 — School Emergencies**

by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security Committee; and Senator Negron

The bill establishes a process through which a private school can register to be notified at the same time the public school district is notified about an emergency occurrence in the local area that could threaten student safety.

The bill requires the agency responsible for notifying a school district for each type of emergency to be listed in each district school board's emergency response policy and model emergency management and emergency preparedness procedures. The emergency response agencies identified by a district school board must notify private schools within the school district of occurrences that threaten student safety if such private schools request notification of emergencies by opting into the district school board's emergency notification procedures.

The bill authorizes both public and private schools to maintain a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors in a secure location for use in an emergency situation by authorized students and trained school personnel. Schools that choose to purchase and maintain a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors must adopt a protocol developed by a licensed physician for the administration of an epinephrine auto-injection by trained school personnel.

The bill also provides immunity from liability for public and private school employees and agents for any injury arising from the use of an epinephrine auto-injector administered by trained school personnel.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2013.

*Vote: Senate 40-0; House 116-0*