

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the use of prescribed pancreatic enzyme
 3 supplements; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; authorizing
 4 certain K-12 students to use prescribed pancreatic enzyme
 5 supplements under certain circumstances; requiring the
 6 State Board of Education to adopt rules; providing for
 7 indemnification; providing an effective date.

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 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 11 Section 1. Paragraph (j) is added to subsection (3) of
 12 section 1002.20, Florida Statutes, to read:

13 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.--Parents of public
 14 school students must receive accurate and timely information
 15 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed
 16 of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12
 17 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory
 18 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

19 (3) HEALTH ISSUES.--

20 (j) Use of prescribed pancreatic enzyme supplements.--A
 21 student who has experienced or is at risk for pancreatic
 22 insufficiency or who has been diagnosed as having cystic
 23 fibrosis may carry and self-administer a prescribed pancreatic
 24 enzyme supplement while in school, participating in school-
 25 sponsored activities, or in transit to or from school or school-
 26 sponsored activities if the school has been provided with
 27 authorization from the student's parent and prescribing
 28 practitioner. The State Board of Education, in cooperation with

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29 the Department of Health, shall adopt rules for the use of
30 prescribed pancreatic enzyme supplements which shall include
31 provisions to protect the safety of all students from the misuse
32 or abuse of the supplements. A school district, county health
33 department, public-private partner, and their employees and
34 volunteers shall be indemnified by the parent of a student
35 authorized to use prescribed pancreatic enzyme supplements for
36 any and all liability with respect to the student's use of the
37 supplements under this paragraph.

38 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.