

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to insulin administration by direct-
 3 support professionals and relatives; amending s.
 4 393.063, F.S.; defining the term "direct-support
 5 professional"; creating s. 393.504, F.S.; authorizing
 6 direct-support professionals and relatives of clients
 7 in group home facilities for individuals with
 8 developmental disabilities to administer insulin as
 9 prescribed to the client if specified conditions are
 10 met; providing group home facilities, direct-support
 11 professionals, and relatives of clients with immunity
 12 from civil liability for damages and civil and
 13 criminal penalties under certain circumstances;
 14 amending s. 1002.394, F.S.; conforming a cross-
 15 reference; providing an effective date.

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

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 19 **Section 1. Present subsections (13) through (46) of**
 20 **section 393.063, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as**
 21 **subsections (14) through (47), respectively, and a new**
 22 **subsection (13) is added to that section, to read:**

23 393.063 Definitions.—For the purposes of this chapter, the
 24 term:

25 (13) "Direct-support professional" means a person paid to

26 provide services directly to a client receiving home and
27 community-based services to address activities of daily living
28 or instrumental activities of daily living, behavioral supports,
29 employment supports, or other services to promote community
30 integration of the client.

31 **Section 2. Section 393.504, Florida Statutes, is created**
32 **to read:**

33 393.504 Administration of insulin.—

34 (1) Notwithstanding any other law, a direct-support
35 professional or a client's relative may administer insulin to a
36 client residing in a group home facility if all of the following
37 conditions have been met:

38 (a) The group home facility has an established procedure
39 to provide training to the direct-support professional or
40 relative in the administration of insulin. The training must be
41 provided by a registered nurse, a licensed practical nurse, or
42 an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under chapter
43 464; a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459; or a
44 physician assistant licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459.

45 (b) The group home facility has adopted policies and
46 procedures governing the administration of insulin by direct-
47 support professionals and relatives. The policies and procedures
48 must include, but need not be limited to, the following
49 provisions:

50 1. For clients requiring insulin, the group home facility

51 shall have on file the prescribed dosage of insulin required for
52 the client and proof of the direct-support professional's or
53 relative's training as required under paragraph (a).

54 2. The group home facility and the direct-support
55 professional or relative shall coordinate in advance before
56 insulin is administered to the client to avoid duplication in
57 administration.

58 3. The group home facility shall establish emergency
59 procedures related to the administration of insulin to clients.

60 4. The group home facility must certify any direct-support
61 professional or relative to administer insulin under this
62 section if he or she is in compliance with the requirements of
63 this section.

64 5. The group home facility must immediately notify a
65 direct-support professional or relative if he or she is not in
66 compliance with this section and immediately cease to allow them
67 to administer insulin.

68 (2) A group home facility that complies with this section
69 and its established policies and procedures is immune from civil
70 liability for damages arising out of the administration of
71 insulin by a direct-support professional or a client's relative.

72 (3) A direct-support professional or relative
73 administering insulin to a client residing in a group home
74 facility in compliance with this section is immune from civil
75 liability for damages or civil or criminal penalties arising out

76 | of the administration of insulin to the client.

77 | **Section 3. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section**
78 | **1002.394, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

79 | 1002.394 The Family Empowerment Scholarship Program.—

80 | (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

81 | (e) "Disability" means, for a 3- or 4-year-old child or
82 | for a student in kindergarten to grade 12, autism spectrum
83 | disorder, as defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of
84 | Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition, published by the American
85 | Psychiatric Association; cerebral palsy, as defined in s.
86 | 393.063; Down syndrome, as defined in s. 393.063; an
87 | intellectual disability, as defined in s. 393.063; a speech
88 | impairment; a language impairment; an orthopedic impairment; any
89 | other health impairment; an emotional or a behavioral
90 | disability; a specific learning disability, including, but not
91 | limited to, dyslexia, dyscalculia, or developmental aphasia;
92 | Phelan-McDermid syndrome, as defined in s. 393.063; Prader-Willi
93 | syndrome, as defined in s. 393.063; spina bifida, as defined in
94 | s. 393.063; being a high-risk child, as defined in s.
95 | 393.063(23)(a) ~~s. 393.063(22)(a)~~; muscular dystrophy; Williams
96 | syndrome; rare diseases which affect patient populations of
97 | fewer than 200,000 individuals in the United States, as defined
98 | by the National Organization for Rare Disorders; anaphylaxis; a
99 | hearing impairment, including deafness; a visual impairment,
100 | including blindness; traumatic brain injury; hospital or

101 | homebound; or identification as dual sensory impaired, as
102 | defined by rules of the State Board of Education and evidenced
103 | by reports from local school districts. The term "hospital or
104 | homebound" includes a student who has a medically diagnosed
105 | physical or psychiatric condition or illness, as defined by the
106 | state board in rule, and who is confined to the home or hospital
107 | for more than 6 months.

108 | **Section 4.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.