

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 including specific administration methods in the
 15 meaning of "administration of insulin"; amending s.
 16 393.506, F.S.; authorizing an unlicensed direct
 17 service provider to supervise self-administration of
 18 insulin and epinephrine through the use of specified
 19 devices; amending s. 1002.394, F.S.; conforming a
 20 cross-reference; providing an effective date.

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

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 24 **Section 1. Subsections (13) through (46) of section**
 25 **393.063, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (14)**

26 **through (47), respectively, and a new subsection (13) is added**
27 **to that section, to read:**

28 393.063 Definitions.—For the purposes of this chapter, the
29 term:

30 (13) "Direct-support professional" means a person paid to
31 provide services directly to a client receiving home and
32 community-based services to address activities of daily living
33 or instrumental activities of daily living, behavioral supports,
34 employment supports, or other services to promote community
35 integration of the client.

36 **Section 2. Section 393.504, Florida Statutes, is created**
37 **to read:**

38 393.504 Administration of insulin.—

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

43 (a) The group home facility has an established procedure
44 to provide training to the direct-support professional or
45 relative in the administration of insulin. The training must be
46 provided by a registered nurse, a licensed practical nurse, or
47 an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under chapter
48 464; a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459; or a
49 physician assistant licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459.

50 (b) The group home facility has adopted policies and

51 procedures governing the administration of insulin by direct-
52 support professionals and relatives. The policies and procedures
53 must include, but need not be limited to, the following
54 provisions:

55 1. For clients requiring insulin, the group home facility
56 shall have on file the prescribed dosage of insulin required for
57 the client and proof of the direct-support professional's or
58 relative's training as required under paragraph (a).

59 2. The group home facility and the direct-support
60 professional or relative shall coordinate in advance before
61 insulin is administered to the client to avoid duplication in
62 administration.

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

65 4. The group home facility must certify any direct-support
66 professional or relative to administer insulin under this
67 section if he or she is in compliance with the requirements of
68 this section.

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

73 (2) A group home facility that complies with this section
74 and its established policies and procedures is immune from civil
75 liability for damages arising out of the administration of

76 insulin by a direct-support professional or a client's relative.

77 (3) A direct-support professional or relative
78 administering insulin to a client residing in a group home
79 facility in compliance with this section is immune from civil
80 liability for damages or civil or criminal penalties arising out
81 of the administration of insulin to the client.

82 (4) For purposes of this section, the administration of
83 insulin includes sliding scale insulin therapy which is the
84 calculation of an insulin dose based on current blood glucose
85 and the administration of that calculated insulin dose
86 subcutaneously using an insulin pen containing premeasured doses
87 or a syringe filled with the calculated dose from a vial of
88 insulin.

89 **Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 393.506, Florida**
90 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

91 393.506 Administration of medication.—

92 (1) An unlicensed direct service provider who meets the
93 requirements of this section may:

94 (a) Supervise the self-administration of medication,
95 including the subcutaneous administration of insulin and
96 epinephrine through an insulin pen, epinephrine pen, or a
97 similar device designed for self-administration. ~~or may~~

98 (b) Administer oral, transdermal, ophthalmic, otic,
99 rectal, inhaled, enteral, or topical prescription medications to
100 a client ~~if the unlicensed direct service provider meets the~~

101 ~~requirements of this section.~~

102 **Section 4. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section**
103 **1002.394, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

104 1002.394 The Family Empowerment Scholarship Program.—

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

106 (e) "Disability" means, for a 3- or 4-year-old child or
107 for a student in kindergarten to grade 12, autism spectrum
108 disorder, as defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of
109 Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition, published by the American
110 Psychiatric Association; cerebral palsy, as defined in s.
111 393.063; Down syndrome, as defined in s. 393.063; an
112 intellectual disability, as defined in s. 393.063; a speech
113 impairment; a language impairment; an orthopedic impairment; any
114 other health impairment; an emotional or a behavioral
115 disability; a specific learning disability, including, but not
116 limited to, dyslexia, dyscalculia, or developmental aphasia;
117 Phelan-McDermid syndrome, as defined in s. 393.063; Prader-Willi
118 syndrome, as defined in s. 393.063; spina bifida, as defined in
119 s. 393.063; being a high-risk child, as defined in s.
120 393.063(23)(a) ~~s. 393.063(22)(a)~~; muscular dystrophy; Williams
121 syndrome; rare diseases which affect patient populations of
122 fewer than 200,000 individuals in the United States, as defined
123 by the National Organization for Rare Disorders; anaphylaxis; a
124 hearing impairment, including deafness; a visual impairment,
125 including blindness; traumatic brain injury; hospital or

126 | homebound; or identification as dual sensory impaired, as
127 | defined by rules of the State Board of Education and evidenced
128 | by reports from local school districts. The term "hospital or
129 | homebound" includes a student who has a medically diagnosed
130 | physical or psychiatric condition or illness, as defined by the
131 | state board in rule, and who is confined to the home or hospital
132 | for more than 6 months.

133 | **Section 5.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.