

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and  
Senator Grall

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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      providing that the administration of insulin includes  
15      sliding scale insulin therapy; amending s. 393.506,  
16      F.S.; authorizing unlicensed direct service providers  
17      who meet certain requirements to administer and  
18      supervise the self-administration of insulin and  
19      epinephrine by certain methods; amending s. 1002.394,  
20      F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an  
21      effective date.

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

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25       Section 1. Present subsections (13) through (46) of section  
26       393.063, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (14)  
27       through (47), respectively, and a new subsection (13) is added  
28       to that section, to read:

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

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30 term:

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

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

39 393.504 Administration of insulin.—

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

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

51 (b) The group home facility has adopted policies and  
52 procedures governing the administration of insulin by direct-  
53 support professionals and relatives. The policies and procedures  
54 must include, but need not be limited to, the following  
55 provisions:

56 1. For clients requiring insulin, the group home facility  
57 shall have on file the prescribed dosage of insulin required for  
58 the client and proof of the direct-support professional's or

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59 relative's training as required under paragraph (a).

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

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

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

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

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

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

83 (4) For the purposes of this section, the administration of  
84 insulin includes sliding scale insulin therapy, to include the  
85 calculation of an insulin dose based on current blood glucose  
86 and the administration of that calculated dose subcutaneously  
87 using an insulin pen containing premeasured doses or a syringe

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88 filled with the calculated dose drawn from a vial of 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 may supervise the  
93 self-administration of medication or may administer oral,  
94 transdermal, ophthalmic, otic, rectal, inhaled, enteral, or  
95 topical prescription medications to a client if the unlicensed  
96 direct service provider meets the requirements of this section.  
97 This includes the subcutaneous administration of insulin and  
98 epinephrine through an insulin pen, epinephrine pen, or similar  
99 device designed for self-administration.

100 Section 4. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section  
101 1002.394, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

102 1002.394 The Family Empowerment Scholarship Program.—

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

104 (e) "Disability" means, for a 3- or 4-year-old child or for  
105 a student in kindergarten to grade 12, autism spectrum disorder,  
106 as defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental  
107 Disorders, Fifth Edition, published by the American Psychiatric  
108 Association; cerebral palsy, as defined in s. 393.063; Down  
109 syndrome, as defined in s. 393.063; an intellectual disability,  
110 as defined in s. 393.063; a speech impairment; a language  
111 impairment; an orthopedic impairment; any other health  
112 impairment; an emotional or a behavioral disability; a specific  
113 learning disability, including, but not limited to, dyslexia,  
114 dyscalculia, or developmental aphasia; Phelan-McDermid syndrome,  
115 as defined in s. 393.063; Prader-Willi syndrome, as defined in  
116 s. 393.063; spina bifida, as defined in s. 393.063; being a

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117 high-risk child, as defined in s. 393.063(23)(a) ~~s.~~  
118 ~~393.063(22)(a)~~; muscular dystrophy; Williams syndrome; rare  
119 diseases which affect patient populations of fewer than 200,000  
120 individuals in the United States, as defined by the National  
121 Organization for Rare Disorders; anaphylaxis; a hearing  
122 impairment, including deafness; a visual impairment, including  
123 blindness; traumatic brain injury; hospital or homebound; or  
124 identification as dual sensory impaired, as defined by rules of  
125 the State Board of Education and evidenced by reports from local  
126 school districts. The term "hospital or homebound" includes a  
127 student who has a medically diagnosed physical or psychiatric  
128 condition or illness, as defined by the state board in rule, and  
129 who is confined to the home or hospital for more than 6 months.

130 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.