

SB 166 — Prescribed Pancreatic Enzyme Supplements

by Senator Wise

The bill authorizes a student to carry and self-administer prescribed pancreatic enzyme supplements while in school, at a school-sponsored activity, or while in transit to or from school or a school-sponsored activity, if the student's parent and a prescribing practitioner have provided the school with authorization for the student's use of the supplement. Pancreatic enzyme supplements are used by students with, or at risk of, pancreatic insufficiency or students with cystic fibrosis, who need the enzymes to grow and develop appropriately. The State Board of Education, in cooperation with the Department of Health, must adopt rules for the use of the supplements. The bill requires the parents of a student who uses prescribed pancreatic enzyme supplements to indemnify the school district, county health department, public-private partners, and their employees or volunteers for any and all liabilities arising from the student's use of the supplements.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2010.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 109-0