

## **CS/CS/HB 747 — Treatment of Diabetes**

by Education Policy Council; PreK-12 Policy Committee; and Rep. N. Thompson and others (CS/CS/SB 896 by Education Pre-K-12 Appropriations Committee; Health Regulation Committee; and Senators Peaden, Jones, Fasano, Sobel, Lawson, Detert, Storms, Wilson, and Crist)

The bill provides guidelines for school district management of diabetes care for students by:

- Prohibiting school districts from restricting the assignment of a student who has diabetes to a particular school on the basis that the student has diabetes, that the school does not have a full-time nurse, or that the school does not have trained diabetes personnel;
- Permitting diabetic students, with appropriate written authorization, to carry diabetic supplies and equipment on their person and attend to the management and care of their diabetes while in school, participating in school-sponsored activities, or in transit to or from school or school-sponsored activities;
- Requiring parents of students who are authorized to carry diabetic supplies or equipment to indemnify the school district, county health department, and public-private partner, and the employees and volunteers of those entities, from liability with respect to the student's use of such supplies and equipment;
- Requiring the State Board of Education, in cooperation with the Department of Health, to adopt rules for the management and care of diabetes by students in schools to encourage every school in which a student with diabetes is enrolled to have personnel trained in routine and emergency diabetes care; and
- Expanding the Diabetes Advisory Council's membership to include a representative from the Florida Academy of Family Physicians.

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

*Vote: Senate 31-0; House 113-0*