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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill modifies provisions relating to school nurses and the administration of drugs to pupils.

Current law requires individuals authorized to administer drugs under s. 118.29 (2), Stats., to receive training, approved by the department, in administering non-prescription drug products and prescription drugs. The statutes do not specify what entity must provide the training only that it must be approved by the department. Although DPI currently provides free on-line training, additional training for non-oral medication administration needs to be provided. Current law provides immunity from civil liability to employees who have received Department of Public Instruction (DPI) approved training.

This bill removes the requirements that individuals authorized to administer drugs under s. 118.29 (2), Stats., receive training, approved by the department, in administering non-prescription drug products and prescription drugs. This bill provides for immunity from civil liability to individuals authorized to administer drugs unless they are a health care professional or the act or omission constitutes a high degree of negligence.

State Fiscal Effect:

DPI may continue to provide some basic training through workshops, webcasts, or an on-line medication training course. Costs associated with providing training would be absorbed by the department.

DPI may modify existing rules for school nursing. Costs associated with the rule process would be absorbed by the department.

Local Fiscal Effect:

School districts may have costs associated with developing a written policy regarding drug administration to pupils. These costs are indeterminate.

School districts will no longer need to provide or contract for training. School districts choosing not to offer training may see reduced staff costs. With pending changes in collective bargaining laws school districts may have the flexibility to require staff to complete the training during unpaid time so these savings may occur without the passage of this bill. These costs are indeterminate.

Schools may be subject to civil liability lawsuits if an employee administers a prescription or non-prescription drug to a pupil and is a health care professional or the act or omission constitutes a high degree of negligence. These costs are indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications