

HB 1188 -- SCHOOL NURSE ADMINISTRATION OF ASTHMA RESCUE
MEDICATION

This bill establishes procedures under which a school nurse may administer asthma-related rescue medications. A school board may authorize a licensed nurse employee to maintain a supply of medication and to recommend to the board the quantity of medication that should be maintained. To obtain medications for a school district, a prescription written by a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner is required. For prescription purposes, the district must be designated as the patient, the nurse's name must be required, and the prescription must be filled at a licensed pharmacy. The nurse or another employee trained and supervised by the nurse must have the discretion to administer the medication to any student whom the nurse or employee believes is having a life-threatening asthma episode. Existing law providing immunity from civil liability for trained employees administering lifesaving methods must apply to a trained employee administering an asthma medication under these provisions.