



# HOUSE BILL 397: Use of Epinephrine Nasal Spray in Schools.

2025-2026 General Assembly

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<b>Committee:</b>	House Health. If favorable, re-refer to Education - K-12. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	March 18, 2025
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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 397 would allow epinephrine nasal spray to be used and stored by public schools, in addition to epinephrine auto-injectors.*

**CURRENT LAW:** The law currently allows for an epinephrine auto-injector (commonly known as an epi-pen) to be used and stored by public school units.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 397 would change the definition of "epinephrine auto-injector" to "epinephrine delivery system." An "epinephrine delivery system" would include both auto-injectors and epinephrine nasal sprays. House Bill 397 would allow public school units to use and store epinephrine delivery systems. The bill would also make technical and conforming changes.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would become effective when it becomes law and would apply beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

**BACKGROUND:** In August of 2024, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved epinephrine nasal spray to treat allergic reactions in adults and children who weigh at least 66 pounds.

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