



Proponent Written Testimony - SB328
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Senator Beverly Gossage, Chair

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Chair Gossage and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on Senate Bill 328.

Wichita Public Schools stands in strong support of this bill. SB 328 takes a simple but critical step to update Kansas law by replacing the narrow term "epinephrine auto-injector" with the broader and more accurate "epinephrine delivery system." This change ensures Kansas schools can use any FDA-approved epinephrine product to respond to life-threatening allergic reactions.

Medical technology has advanced and keeps advancing. The FDA has approved Neffy, the first needle-free epinephrine nasal spray, yet current Kansas law prevents schools from stocking it solely because it is not an auto-injector. SB 328 correctly focuses on the medication – epinephrine – rather than the device, ensuring schools are not forced back to the Legislature each time technology improves.

This update also improves real-world emergency response. School nurses are not always immediately available, and seconds matter. Teachers, coaches and bus drivers are often first responders. A needle-free option reduces hesitation, increases usability, and improves the likelihood that life-saving treatment is administered quickly.

Finally, SB 328 protects school budgets and supply access. Districts have faced ongoing shortages and escalating costs tied to auto-injector products. Allowing multiple epinephrine delivery systems promotes competition and ensures schools can purchase what is available and affordable.

Passage of SB 328 would place Kansas among the leaders in modernizing school health safety, aligning us with states (Ohio, Missouri, Texas, New York and Washington) that have recently updated their laws to include new delivery technologies.

SB 328 costs the state nothing and gives schools the flexibility to use the safest, most effective tools to save students' lives. Wichita urges the Committee to pass SB 328.

Thank you for your commitment to the health and safety of Kansas students.