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Noteworthy News

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Dear PTA Advocate,

HB3294, the Emergency Epinephrine Act, has been signed into law by the Governor becoming PA 97-0361. Why is this important to PTA members? This law amends the School Code and provides that in cases of emergency, students or the school nurse may administer medications including an asthma inhaler or epinephrine through the use of an auto-injector when a student is at risk of anaphylaxis.

The law further provides that a school district (or non-public school) may authorize a student with an Individual Action Health Care Plan, Illinois Food Allergy Action Plan, or 504 Accommodation Plan, to possess and administer medications such as an asthma inhaler or epinephrine meeting the criteria in the student plan.

Illinois PTA has long advocated for emergency plans that keep students safe by addressing health considerations such as asthma and food allergy. This is another example of what the Illinois PTA is doing to make a difference for kids!

To view the full text of the bill, as enacted, please visit the Illinois General Assembly website, www.ilga.gov, and search for HB3294.

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