

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 340—ASSEMBLYMEN HAMBRICK,  
WHEELER, TITUS; ELLISON AND KRAMER

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Makes various changes concerning the acquisition and use of opioid antagonists by schools. (BDR 40-849)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact. Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to controlled substances; authorizing certain health care professionals to issue an order for an opioid antagonist to a public or private school; authorizing public and private schools to obtain and maintain opioid antagonists under certain conditions; providing immunity to certain persons for acts or omissions relating to the acquisition, possession or administration of opioid antagonists in certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law authorizes certain physicians, physician assistants and advanced  
2 practice registered nurses to prescribe and dispense an opioid antagonist to a person  
3 at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose, or to a family member,  
4 friend or other person who is in a position to assist a person experiencing an opioid-  
5 related drug overdose. (Chapter 453C of NRS, NRS 453C.100) Existing law also  
6 authorizes certain health care professionals to issue an order for auto-injectable  
7 epinephrine to a public or private school to be maintained at the school for the  
8 treatment of anaphylaxis that may be experienced by any pupil at the school. (NRS  
9 630.374, 632.239, 633.707) **Section 1** of this bill authorizes certain health care  
10 professionals to issue such an order for opioid antagonists to a public or private  
11 school for the treatment of an opioid-related drug overdose that may be experienced  
12 by any person at the school. **Section 1** also provides that a health care professional  
13 is not subject to disciplinary action for issuing such an order to a school.  
14 Existing law requires each public school, including each charter school, to  
15 obtain an order from certain health care professionals for auto-injectable  
16 epinephrine to maintain the drug at the school. (NRS 386.870) Existing law  
17 similarly authorizes a private school to obtain and maintain auto-injectable



18 epinephrine at the school. (NRS 394.1995) **Sections 4 and 7** of this bill authorize a  
19 public or private school to obtain an order for an opioid antagonist. If a public or  
20 private school obtains such an order, **sections 2, 4 and 7** of this bill authorize a  
21 school nurse or other designated employee of the public or private school, as  
22 applicable, who has received training in the storage and administration of opioid  
23 antagonists to administer an opioid antagonist to any person on the premises of the  
24 school who is reasonably believed to be experiencing an opioid-related drug  
25 overdose. **Section 3** of this bill: (1) establishes requirements relating to the storage,  
26 handling and transportation of opioid antagonists in public schools; and (2) requires  
27 each school district and charter school to report to the Division of Public and  
28 Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services the number of  
29 doses of opioid antagonists administered at each public school during each school  
30 year. **Sections 4 and 7** require the board of trustees of each school district and the  
31 governing body of each charter or private school that obtains an order for an opioid  
32 antagonist to establish a policy to ensure: (1) that someone seeks emergency  
33 assistance each time a person experiences an opioid-related drug overdose on the  
34 premises of the school; and (2) the parent or guardian of a pupil to whom an opioid  
35 antagonist is administered is notified as soon as practicable. **Sections 4-7** of this bill  
36 require training in the storage and administration of opioid antagonists to be  
37 provided to designated employees of a public or private school that obtains an order  
38 for an opioid antagonist. **Sections 4 and 7** exempt a school, school district,  
39 employee of a school and certain other persons affiliated with a school from  
40 liability for certain damages relating to the acquisition, possession, provision or  
41 administration of an opioid antagonist or auto-injectable epinephrine not amounting  
42 to gross negligence or reckless, willful or wanton conduct.  
43 **Section 8** of this bill requires a registered pharmacist to transfer an order for an  
44 opioid antagonist to another registered pharmacist at the request of a public or  
45 private school for which the order was issued. **Section 8** also exempts a pharmacist  
46 who dispenses an opioid antagonist pursuant to such an order from liability for  
47 certain damages relating to the acquisition, possession, provision or administration  
48 of an opioid antagonist not amounting to gross negligence or reckless, willful or  
49 wanton conduct.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 453C of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a health care*  
4 *professional authorized to prescribe an opioid antagonist may*  
5 *issue to a public or private school an order to allow the school to*  
6 *obtain and maintain an opioid antagonist at the school, regardless*  
7 *of whether any person at the school has been diagnosed with a*  
8 *condition which may cause the person to require such medication*  
9 *for the treatment of an opioid-related drug overdose.*

10 *2. An order issued pursuant to subsection 1 must contain:*

11 *(a) The name and signature of the health care professional*  
12 *and the address of the health care professional if not immediately*  
13 *available to the pharmacist;*



1 (b) *The classification of the license of the health care*  
2 *professional;*

3 (c) *The name of the public or private school to which the order*  
4 *is issued;*

5 (d) *The name, strength and quantity of the opioid antagonist*  
6 *authorized to be obtained and maintained by the order; and*

7 (e) *The date of issue.*

8 3. *A health care professional is not subject to disciplinary*  
9 *action solely for issuing a valid order pursuant to subsection 1 to a*  
10 *public or private school and without knowledge of a specific*  
11 *natural person who requires the medication.*

12 4. *A health care professional is not liable for any error or*  
13 *omission concerning the acquisition, possession, provision or*  
14 *administration of an opioid antagonist maintained by a public*  
15 *or private school pursuant to an order issued by the health care*  
16 *professional pursuant to subsection 1 not resulting from gross*  
17 *negligence or reckless, willful or wanton conduct of the health*  
18 *care professional.*

19 5. *As used in this section:*

20 (a) *“Private school” has the meaning ascribed to it in*  
21 *NRS 394.103.*


22 (b) *“Public school” has the meaning ascribed to it in*  
23 *NRS 385.007.*

24 **Sec. 2.** NRS 454.303 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 454.303 A school nurse or other employee of a public or  
26 private school who is authorized pursuant to NRS 386.870 or  
27 394.1995 to administer auto-injectable epinephrine *or an opioid*  
28 *antagonist* may possess and administer auto-injectable epinephrine  
29 *or an opioid antagonist, as applicable*, maintained by the school if  
30 the school nurse or other employee has received training in the  
31 proper storage and administration of auto-injectable epinephrine *or*  
32 *the opioid antagonist, as applicable*, as required by NRS 386.870 or  
33 394.1995.

34 **Sec. 3.** NRS 386.865 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 386.865 1. Each public school shall ensure that auto-  
36 injectable epinephrine *and any opioid antagonist* maintained at the  
37 school is stored in a designated, secure location that is unlocked and  
38 easily accessible.

39 2. Each school district shall establish a policy for the schools  
40 within the district, other than charter schools, regarding the proper  
41 handling and transportation of auto-injectable epinephrine  *and*  
42 *opioid antagonists.*

43 3. Not later than 30 days after the last day of each school year,  
44 each school district and charter school shall submit a report to the  
45 Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of



1 Health and Human Services identifying the number of doses of  
2 auto-injectable epinephrine *and opioid antagonists* that were  
3 administered at each public school within the school district or  
4 charter school, as applicable, during the school year.

5 **Sec. 4.** NRS 386.870 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 386.870 1. Each public school, including, without limitation,  
7 each charter school, shall obtain an order from a physician,  
8 osteopathic physician, physician assistant or advanced practice  
9 registered nurse, for auto-injectable epinephrine pursuant to NRS  
10 630.374, 632.239 or 633.707 and acquire at least two doses of the  
11 medication to be maintained at the school. If a dose of auto-  
12 injectable epinephrine maintained by the public school is used or  
13 expires, the public school shall ensure that at least two doses of the  
14 medication are available at the school and obtain additional doses to  
15 replace the used or expired doses if necessary.

16 2. *A public school, including, without limitation, a charter*  
17 *school, may obtain an order from a health care professional for an*  
18 *opioid antagonist pursuant to section 1 of this act to be maintained*  
19 *at the school. If a dose of an opioid antagonist maintained by the*  
20 *public school is used or expires, the public school may obtain an*  
21 *additional dose of the opioid antagonist to replace the used or*  
22 *expired opioid antagonist.*

23 3. Auto-injectable epinephrine *or an opioid antagonist*  
24 maintained by a public school pursuant to this section may be  
25 administered:

26 (a) At a public school other than a charter school, by a school  
27 nurse or any other employee of the public school who has been  
28 designated by the school nurse and has received training in the  
29 proper storage and administration of auto-injectable epinephrine ~~[-]~~  
30 *or the opioid antagonist, as applicable;* or

31 (b) At a charter school, by ~~[the]~~ *an* employee designated to be  
32 authorized to administer auto-injectable epinephrine *or the opioid*  
33 *antagonist, as applicable,* pursuant to NRS 388A.547 if the person  
34 has received the training in the proper storage and administration of  
35 auto-injectable epinephrine ~~[-]~~  
36 ~~—3.]~~ *or the opioid antagonist, as applicable.*

37 4. A school nurse or other designated employee of a public  
38 school may administer ~~[auto-injectable]~~ :

39 (a) *Auto-injectable* epinephrine maintained at the school to any  
40 pupil on the premises of the public school during regular school  
41 hours whom the school nurse or other designated employee  
42 reasonably believes is experiencing anaphylaxis.

43 ~~[4.]~~ (b) *An opioid antagonist maintained at the school to any*  
44 *person on the premises of the public school whom the school*



1 nurse or other designated employee reasonably believes is  
2 experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose.

3 5. The governing body of each charter school and the board  
4 of trustees of each school district that obtains an order for an  
5 opioid antagonist pursuant to subsection 2 shall adopt a policy to  
6 ensure that:

7 (a) Someone seeks emergency assistance each time a person  
8 experiences an opioid-related drug overdose on the premises of the  
9 school; and

10 (b) The parent or guardian of each pupil to whom an opioid  
11 antagonist is administered is notified as soon as practicable.

12 6. A public school may accept gifts, grants and donations from  
13 any source for the support of the public school in carrying out the  
14 provisions of this section, including, without limitation, the  
15 acceptance of auto-injectable epinephrine or opioid antagonists  
16 from a manufacturer or wholesaler of auto-injectable epinephrine ~~§~~  
17 or opioid antagonists.

18 7. A public school, school district, member of the board of  
19 trustees of a school district or governing body of a charter school  
20 or employee of a school district or charter school is not liable for  
21 any error or omission concerning the acquisition, possession,  
22 provision or administration of auto-injectable epinephrine or an  
23 opioid antagonist maintained at a public school pursuant to this  
24 section not resulting from gross negligence or reckless, willful or  
25 wanton conduct of the school, school district, member or  
26 employee, as applicable.

27 8. As used in this section:

28 (a) "Health care professional" has the meaning ascribed to it  
29 in NRS 453C.030.

30 (b) "Opioid antagonist" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
31 NRS 453C.040.

32 (c) "Opioid-related drug overdose" has the meaning ascribed  
33 to it in NRS 453C.050.

34 **Sec. 5.** NRS 388A.547 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 388A.547 1. Each charter school shall designate one or more  
36 employees of the school who is authorized to administer auto-  
37 injectable epinephrine.

38 2. Each charter school that obtains an order from a health  
39 care professional authorized to prescribe an opioid antagonist for  
40 an opioid antagonist pursuant to section 1 of this act shall  
41 designate at least two employees of the school who are authorized  
42 to administer the opioid antagonist.

43 3. Each charter school shall ensure that each person ~~§~~  
44 designated to administer medication pursuant to subsection 1 or 2



1 receives training in the proper storage and administration of auto-  
2 injectable epinephrine ~~[ ]~~ *or opioid antagonists, as applicable.*

3 *4. As used in this section, "opioid antagonist" has the*  
4 *meaning ascribed to it in NRS 453C.040.*

5 **Sec. 6.** NRS 391.291 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 391.291 1. The provision of nursing services in a school  
7 district by school nurses and other qualified personnel must be  
8 under the direction and supervision of a chief nurse who is a  
9 registered nurse as provided in NRS 632.240 and who:

10 (a) Holds an endorsement to serve as a school nurse issued  
11 pursuant to regulations adopted by the Commission; or

12 (b) Is employed by a state, county, city or district health  
13 department and provides nursing services to the school district in the  
14 course of that employment.

15 2. A school district shall not employ a person to serve as a  
16 school nurse unless the person holds an endorsement to serve as a  
17 school nurse issued pursuant to regulations adopted by the  
18 Commission.

19 3. The chief nurse shall ensure that each school nurse:

20 (a) Coordinates with the principal of each school to designate  
21 ~~[employees]~~ :

22 (1) *Employees* of the school who are authorized to  
23 administer auto-injectable epinephrine; and

24 (2) *If the school has obtained an order for an opioid*  
25 *antagonist, as authorized by subsection 2 of NRS 386.870, at least*  
26 *two employees of the school who are authorized to administer the*  
27 *opioid antagonist.*

28 (b) Provides the employees so designated with training  
29 concerning the proper storage and administration of auto-injectable  
30 epinephrine ~~[ ]~~ *or opioid antagonists, as applicable.*

31 *4. As used in this section, "opioid antagonist" has the*  
32 *meaning ascribed to it in NRS 453C.040.*

33 **Sec. 7.** NRS 394.1995 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 394.1995 1. A private school may obtain an order from a  
35 physician, osteopathic physician, physician assistant or advanced  
36 practice registered nurse for auto-injectable epinephrine pursuant to  
37 NRS 630.374, 632.239 or 633.707 to be maintained at the school. If  
38 a dose of auto-injectable epinephrine maintained by the private  
39 school is used or expires, the private school may obtain additional  
40 doses of auto-injectable epinephrine to replace the used or expired  
41 auto-injectable epinephrine.

42 2. *A private school may obtain an order from a health care*  
43 *professional for an opioid antagonist pursuant to section 1 of this*  
44 *act to be maintained at the school. If a dose of an opioid*  
45 *antagonist maintained by the private school is used or expires, the*



1 *private school may obtain an additional dose of the opioid*  
2 *antagonist to replace the used or expired opioid antagonist.*

3 3. Auto-injectable epinephrine *or an opioid antagonist*  
4 maintained by a private school pursuant to this section may be  
5 administered by a school nurse or any other employee of the private  
6 school who has received training in the proper storage and  
7 administration of auto-injectable epinephrine ~~+~~  
8 ~~—3.]~~ *or an opioid antagonist, as applicable.*

9 4. A school nurse or other trained employee may administer  
10 ~~[auto-injectable]~~ :

11 (a) *Auto-injectable* epinephrine maintained at the school to any  
12 pupil on the premises of the private school during regular school  
13 hours whom the school nurse or other trained employee reasonably  
14 believes is experiencing anaphylaxis.

15 ~~[4.]~~ (b) *An opioid antagonist maintained at the school to any*  
16 *person on the premises of the school whom the school nurse or*  
17 *other designated employee reasonably believes is experiencing an*  
18 *opioid-related drug overdose.*

19 5. A private school shall ensure that auto-injectable  
20 epinephrine *or any opioid antagonist* maintained at the school is  
21 stored in a designated, secure location that is unlocked and easily  
22 accessible.

23 6. *The governing body of each private school that obtains an*  
24 *order for an opioid antagonist pursuant to subsection 2 shall adopt*  
25 *a policy to ensure that:*

26 (a) *Someone seeks emergency assistance each time a person*  
27 *experiences an opioid-related drug overdose on the premises of the*  
28 *school; and*

29 (b) *The parent or guardian of each pupil to whom an opioid*  
30 *antagonist is administered is notified as soon as practicable.*

31 7. *A private school or member of the governing body or*  
32 *employee thereof is not liable for any error or omission*  
33 *concerning the acquisition, possession, provision or*  
34 *administration of auto-injectable epinephrine or an opioid*  
35 *antagonist maintained at the private school pursuant to this*  
36 *section not resulting from gross negligence or reckless, willful or*  
37 *wanton conduct of the school, member or employee, as applicable.*

38 8. *As used in this section:*

39 (a) *“Health care professional” has the meaning ascribed to it*  
40 *in NRS 453C.030.*

41 (b) *“Opioid antagonist” has the meaning ascribed to it in*  
42 *NRS 453C.040.*

43 (c) *“Opioid-related drug overdose” has the meaning ascribed*  
44 *to it in NRS 453C.050.*



1     **Sec. 8.** NRS 639.2357 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     639.2357 1. Upon the request of a patient, or a public or  
3 private school or an authorized entity for which an order was issued  
4 pursuant to NRS 630.374, 632.239 , ~~633.707~~ ~~or section 1 of~~  
5 *this act*, a registered pharmacist shall transfer a prescription or order  
6 to another registered pharmacist.

7     2. A registered pharmacist who transfers a prescription or order  
8 pursuant to subsection 1 shall comply with any applicable  
9 regulations adopted by the Board relating to the transfer.

10    3. The provisions of this section do not authorize or require a  
11 pharmacist to transfer a prescription or order in violation of:

12    (a) Any law or regulation of this State;

13    (b) Federal law or regulation; or

14    (c) A contract for payment by a third party if the patient is a  
15 party to that contract.

16    4. A pharmacist is not liable for any error or omission  
17 concerning the acquisition, possession, provision or administration  
18 of auto-injectable epinephrine *or an opioid antagonist* that the  
19 pharmacist has dispensed to a public or private school or authorized  
20 entity pursuant to an order issued pursuant to NRS 630.374, 632.239  
21 , ~~633.707~~ *or section 1 of this act* not resulting from gross  
22 negligence or reckless, willful or wanton conduct of the pharmacist.

23    5. As used in this section ~~“authorized”~~ :

24    (a) *“Authorized entity”* has the meaning ascribed to it in  
25 NRS 450B.710.

26    (b) *“Opioid antagonist”* has the meaning ascribed to it in  
27 *NRS 453C.040*.

28    **Sec. 9.** This act becomes effective:

29    1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any  
30 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative  
31 tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

32    2. On July 1, 2019, for all other purposes.

