

SENATE BILL 161

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Public and Nonpublic Schools – Student Sickle Cell Disease Management Programs

(A) THE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO STUDENTS WITH SICKLE CELL DISEASE.

(B) THE GUIDELINES SHALL INCLUDE:

- (1) PROCEDURES FOR EDUCATING CLINICAL AND NON-CLINICAL SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK WITH STUDENTS WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES ABOUT SYMPTOMS OF DISTRESS RELATED TO SICKLE CELL DISEASE;
- (2) PROTOCOLS TO ENSURE STUDENTS WITH SICKLE CELL DISEASE RECEIVE CARE AS DETERMINED BY ORDERS FROM THE STUDENT'S PROVIDER AND THE SCHOOL NURSE'S ASSESSMENT DURING SCHOOL AND SCHOOL-SPONSORED AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES; AND
- (3) ANY OTHER ISSUE PERTAINING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO STUDENTS WITH SICKLE CELL DISEASE.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL:

- {1) PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOLS TO:
 - {I) IMPLEMENT THE GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND
 - {II) INSTRUCT SCHOOL PERSONNEL AT THE LOCAL LEVEL REGARDING THE GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND
- {2) DEVELOP A PROCESS TO MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUIDELINES

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The State Department of Education and the Department of Health, in consultation with local school systems, local health departments, and other interested stakeholders, shall establish a plan for all public school health services programs in the State to provide sickle cell disease management services through implementation of policies and programs so students with sickle cell disease management can:

- {1) remain safe in school;
- {2) be supported for optimal academic achievement; and
- {3) fully participate in all aspects of school programming, including after-school activities and other school-sponsored events.

(b) On or before December 1, 2018, the State Department of Education and the Department of Health shall report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means on the implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT:

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department and Department of Health develop and implement the guidelines in this Act by December 1, 2018.