



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires public schools to create and implement training for all staff members and age-appropriate instructional materials for students in grades K-12 on food allergies.
 - Requires each state institution of higher education to develop and implement policies to educate students and staff on food allergies and post these policies on the institution's website.
 - Entitles the bill the "Allison Rose Suhy Act."
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CONTENT AND OPERATION

Food allergy education and staff training

Public schools

The bill requires that each school district, community school, and STEM school create food allergy training for all staff members as well as age appropriate instruction for students in grades K-12. Topics must include ways to assist someone experiencing an allergic reaction. The bill specifies that staff training will qualify as a professional development activity for the renewal of an educator's license.¹

Current law requires public and chartered nonpublic schools to create a written policy concerning students with peanut and other food allergies.²

¹ R.C. 3313.719(B) and (C). This section applies to community schools and STEM schools through references in R.C. 3314.03(A)(11)(d) and 3326.11, neither in the bill.

² R.C. 3313.719(A).

Institutions of higher education

The bill requires state institutions of higher education to develop and provide informative materials on food allergies to all incoming students and staff. State institutions of higher education include the 13 state universities, the Northeast Ohio Medical University, community colleges, state community colleges, university branches, and technical colleges.³

Each institution's policy must be implemented not later than one year after the bill's effective date and must include information regarding the following:

- (1) Available campus resources;
- (2) Ways in which to assist someone experiencing an allergic reaction; and
- (3) Ways to help prevent death from an allergic reaction.⁴

Additionally, the bill requires that each institution post the information and policies regarding food allergies on the institution's website.⁵

HISTORY

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³ R.C. 3345.011, not in the bill.

⁴ R.C. 3345.371.

⁵ R.C. 3345.371(C).

