

SENATE, No. 2217

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 23, 1997

By Senator PALAIA

1 AN ACT establishing a Task Force on Diabetes and the Schools and
2 making an appropriation.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. There is established a Task Force on Diabetes and the Schools
8 to consist of the following 9 members: one member to be appointed by
9 the President of the Senate, and one member to be appointed by the
10 Speaker of the General Assembly, both of whom shall be a parent of
11 a student with diabetes attending the public schools; one member to be
12 appointed by the Governor who shall be a representative of a non-
13 public school; the Commissioner of Education, or his designee; one
14 school administrator selected by the New Jersey Association of School
15 Administrators; one local school board member selected by the New
16 Jersey School Boards Association; one public school teacher selected
17 by the New Jersey Education Association; one public school teacher
18 selected by the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association;
19 and one representative from the American Diabetes Association, New
20 Jersey Affiliate.

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22 2. All appointments shall be made within 30 days after the effective
23 date of this act. Vacancies in the membership of the task force shall
24 be filled in the same manner as the original appointments were made.
25 Members of the task force shall serve without compensation.

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27 3. The task force shall organize within 30 days after the
28 appointment of its members and shall select a chairperson and a vice-
29 chairperson from among its members and a secretary who need not be
30 a member of the task force.

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32 4. It shall be the duty of the task force to develop guidelines on the
33 most appropriate and effective means of providing care for students
34 with diabetes in the school setting. In particular, the guidelines shall
35 include, but need not be limited to:

36 a. the establishment of a standardized but flexible system of
37 procedures to enable a school to implement an individualized

1 treatment plan for a diabetic student;

2 b. the establishment of basic procedures to ensure that a school
3 works in conjunction with the student's parents and medical care
4 providers; and

5 c. the establishment of procedures to ensure that a student's
6 diabetes care is integrated into the usual school routine to the greatest
7 extent possible.

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9 5. Staff and related support services shall be provided to the task
10 force by the Department of Education. The task force shall also be
11 entitled to call to its assistance and avail itself of the services of the
12 employees of any State, county or municipal department, board,
13 bureau, commission or agency as it may require and as may be
14 available to it for its purposes.

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16 6. a. The task force may meet and hold hearings at the place or
17 places it designates during the sessions or recesses of the Legislature
18 and shall present its guidelines to the State Board of Education no
19 later than six months following its organizational meeting.

20 b. After review by the State board, the Department of Education
21 shall disseminate the guidelines to all school districts. The department
22 shall periodically update the guidelines as required to incorporate
23 revised protocols on the care of diabetic students.

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25 7. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the task force
26 \$5,000 to effectuate the purposes of this act.

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28 8. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire 30 days
29 after the submission of the task force guidelines.

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STATEMENT

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34 This bill establishes the Task Force on Diabetes and the Schools,
35 for the purpose of developing guidelines on the most appropriate and
36 effective means of providing care for students with diabetes in the
37 school setting. The guidelines would be presented to the State Board
38 of Education no later than six months after the task force's
39 organizational meeting. After review by the State board, the
40 Department of Education would be required to disseminate the
41 guidelines to all school districts.

42 The task force shall consist of the following 9 members: one member
43 to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and one member to be
44 appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly, both of whom shall
45 be a parent of a student with diabetes attending the public schools; one
46 representative from a non-public school to be appointed by the

1 Governor; the Commissioner of Education, or his designee; one
2 school administrator selected by the New Jersey Association of School
3 Administrators; one school board member selected by the New Jersey
4 School Boards Association; one public school teacher selected by the
5 New Jersey Education Association; one public school teacher selected
6 by the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association; and one
7 representative from the American Diabetes Association, New Jersey
8 Affiliate.

9 The task force's guidelines shall include establishing a standardized,
10 yet flexible system of procedures to implement an individualized
11 treatment plan for a diabetic student; basic procedures to ensure that
12 a school works in conjunction with a student's parents and medical
13 care providers; and procedures to ensure that a student's diabetes care
14 is integrated into the usual school routine to the greatest extent
15 possible. Staff and related support services of the task force will be
16 provided by the Department of Education.

17 The bill provides a \$5,000 appropriation from the General Fund to
18 the task force to effectuate the purposes of the bill.

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23 Establishes the Task Force on Diabetes and the Schools; appropriates
24 \$5,000.