

# **Guidelines For Possessing or Self-Administering Prescription Asthma Medicine**

House Bill 1688 provides the following guidelines:

A student with asthma is entitled to possess and self-administer prescription asthma medicine while on school property or at a school related event or activity if:

- (a) the prescription asthma medicine has been prescribed for the student as indicated by the prescription label on the medicine;
- (b) the self-administration is done in compliance with the prescription or written instructions from the student's physician or other licensed health care provider;
- (c) a parent of the student provides the school a written authorization, signed by the parent, for the student to self-administer prescription asthma medicine; and
- (d) a parent of the student provides to the school a written statement from the student's physician or other licensed health care provider, signed by the physician or provider that states:
  - 1. that the student has asthma and is capable of self-administering the prescription asthma medication;
  - 2. the name and purpose of the medicine;
  - 3. the prescribed dosage for the medicine;
  - 4. the time at which or circumstances under which the medicine may be administered;
  - and
  - 5. the period for which the medicine is prescribed.

The physician's statement must be kept on file in the office of the school nurse of the campus the student attends or, if there is not a school nurse, in the office of the principal of the campus the student attends. A person standing in parental relation to a student or the student himself, if over the age of 18, may give permission to use an asthma inhaler under these guidelines.