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Evers commends signing of safe school medication law

School safety bill was introduced at the request of State Superintendent Evers

MADISON — State Superintendent Tony Evers issued the following statement regarding Gov. Jim Doyle signing Senate Bill 414 into law.

“Governor Doyle and the Legislature understand that our student population and the nature of school nursing have changed over the years. The provisions of this law are important given the large number of people in the school setting that may have responsibilities for administering medications to students and the increasing proportion of students with special health care needs. With the school nurse to pupil ratio in Wisconsin averaging one nurse for every 2,359 pupils, it is increasingly important for school staff to be prepared and trained.

“This law will enhance the health and safety of students by giving schools clear guidance as to what drugs can be administered to students, the instructions that must accompany those drugs, records that must be kept, the training required for those administering drugs, and the education requirements for school nurses.

“I thank Governor Doyle, Senator Lehman, and Representative Pope-Roberts for their leadership on this issue. I also thank the Legislature for the bi-partisan support this bill received as it moved through the legislative process.”

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