AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Introduced By: Representatives Donovan, Speakman, Carson, Ajello, and Bennett

Date Introduced: February 07, 2020

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 16-21 of the General Laws entitled "Health and Safety of Pupils" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

16-21-37. Possession of over-the-counter medications.

(a) School districts shall allow students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) while on school property or at school-related events or activities, to possess and use appropriate doses of over-the-counter medications and products including, but not limited to aspirin, acetaminophen, ibuprofen, anti-prostaglandins, antihistamines, azoles, and topical anesthetics, without a physician's or parent's note.

(b) Nothing in this section shall make the school district or its personnel liable for any damages under this section.

(c) The school district may encourage schools to educate pupils on the safe use of over-the-counter medications.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
This act would permit students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) to possess and use over-the-counter medication and products during school activities without a doctor's or parent's note. It would authorize the school district to encourage schools to educate pupils on the safe use of such products, but would not hold the school district or its personnel liable for any damages.

This act would take effect upon passage.