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Senate Bill 42

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Referred to the Committee on Health and Human
Resources; and then to the Committee on the
Judiciary.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §16-46-7, relating to permitting school nurses to possess and administer
3 opioid antagonists on or near school premises.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
2 section, designated §16-46-7, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 46. ACCESS TO OPIOID ANTAGONISTS ACT.

§16-46-7. School nurse access to opioid antagonists.

1 Any person employed as a school nurse and properly licensed by the West Virginia Board
2 of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses may possess an opioid antagonist on or near
3 school premises and administer the opioid antagonist if he or she believes in good faith that a
4 student or other individual at the school is suffering from an opiate-related overdose.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow school nurses to possess and administer opioid antagonists at school.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.