

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 3819

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH

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NORTHWEST ISD

JUSTIN, TX

Regarding administration of emergency albuterol to students in respiratory distress, it makes sense that giving the medication without delay is the best course of action. A nurse may be responsible for 800 or more students in one school. It would be difficult for the nurse to "remember" who has asthma. If the nurse is required to look up a student's status prior to administering emergency medication, this may delay treatment. Delaying treatment can result in an adverse outcome such as calling 911 or respiratory compromise at school.

Thanks so much for taking the time to consider this bill.

Sincerely,

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