SENATE BILL NO. 320-SENATORS HARDY AND DENIS

MARCH 18, 2013

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing medical care in schools. (BDR 34-831)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact. Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets formitted material is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to education; providing that a pupil with diabetes shall not be prohibited from attending a public school; requiring the State Board of Education to prescribe a training program for employees of public and private schools who volunteer to serve as diabetes care aides; authorizing public and private schools to provide assistance to pupils with diabetes in the care and management of the disease under certain circumstances: authorizing the parent or legal guardian of a pupil with diabetes to request such assistance; prescribing the duties of a diabetes care aide; providing for the authorization of a pupil with diabetes to self-administer medication and otherwise care for and manage the diabetes under certain circumstances; providing immunity from civil liability for school nurses, diabetes care aides and other school personnel, the board of trustees of a school district and the governing body of a private school under certain circumstances; providing an exemption for diabetes care aides from state licensing requirements for practicing nursing in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Section 8 of this bill provides that the board of trustees of a school district or a principal of a public school shall not: (1) prohibit any pupil with diabetes from attending any public school which the pupil would otherwise be able to attend if the pupil did not have diabetes; or (2) require the parent or guardian of a pupil to provide any service or assistance to the pupil to care for or manage the diabetes





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while the pupil is on the grounds of a public school, participating in certain activities or on a school bus.

Section 9 of this bill requires the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State Board of Health, the American Diabetes Association and other similar organizations, to prescribe a training program for employees of public schools who volunteer to serve as diabetes care aides. The training program must include certain instruction and be provided by a school nurse or other health care professional who has knowledge and experience in the care, management and treatment of diabetes.

Section 10 of this bill authorizes the principal of each public school to provide a written notice to all employees of the public school seeking volunteers to serve as diabetes care aides. The notice must provide that serving as a diabetes care aide is voluntary and that an employee who chooses not to volunteer will not be subject to any retaliatory or disciplinary action, and must include a description of the training program prescribed pursuant to section 9 that the employee must complete to become a diabetes care aide. Section 11 of this bill establishes a procedure pursuant to which the parent or legal guardian of a pupil with diabetes in such a public school may request that the school provide such assistance, and sets forth the steps that the principal of the school may take upon receiving such a request. Section 12 of this bill describes the written authorization that the parent or legal guardian must submit to the principal of the school upon receiving approval of such a request, and section 13 of this bill sets forth the duties of the principal upon receiving such an authorization.

Section 14 of this bill sets forth the specific acts that a diabetes care aide is authorized to perform in assisting a pupil with diabetes in accordance with the diabetes management plan of the pupil developed by the physician of the pupil.

Section 15 of this bill provides a procedure pursuant to which a pupil with diabetes may be authorized to self-administer medication for the treatment of the diabetes and otherwise care for and manage the diabetes while on the grounds of a public school, at an activity sponsored by a public school or on a school bus.

Section 16 of this bill requires the State Board of Education to adopt necessary regulations to carry out the provisions of **sections 3-17** of this bill.

Section 17 provides that a school nurse, diabetes care aide, other school personnel and the board of trustees of a school district are not subject to civil liability, and a school nurse, diabetes care aide and other school personnel are not subject to any disciplinary action, for certain acts performed by any person in carrying out any duty or authorized activity set forth in this bill.

Section 24 of this bill provides that the training program for an employee of a public school who volunteers to serve as a diabetes care aide which is prescribed by the State Board of Education pursuant to section 9 applies to private schools. Sections 19-23 and 25-32 of this bill set forth provisions similar to sections 3-17 which apply to private schools.

Existing law requires a person who practices or offers to practice nursing in this State to be licensed by the State Board of Nursing. (NRS 632.315) Existing law also provides certain exemptions from that requirement. (NRS 632.340) **Section 33** of this bill revises those exemptions to include a diabetes care aide who provides assistance to a pupil with diabetes in the care and management of the diabetes in accordance with the provisions of **sections 3-17 or 19-32**.





THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 391.208 is hereby amended to read as follows: 391.208 A school nurse shall, for each school at which he or she is responsible for providing nursing services:

- 1. Ensure that each pupil enrolled in the school has been immunized in accordance with, is exempt from or has otherwise complied with, the requirements set forth in NRS 392.435 to 392.446 inclusive.
- 2. Assess and evaluate the general health and physical development of the pupils enrolled in the school to identify those pupils who have physical or mental conditions that impede their ability to learn.
- 3. Report the results of an evaluation conducted pursuant to subsection 2 to:
 - (a) A parent or guardian of the pupil;
- (b) Each administrator and teacher directly involved with the education of the pupil; and
- (c) Other professional personnel within the school district who need the information to assist the pupil with the pupil's health or education.
- 4. Design and carry out a plan of nursing care for a pupil with special needs which incorporates any plan specified by the pupil's physician or provider of health care, as defined in NRS 629.031, including, without limitation, the diabetes management plan of the pupil, and which is approved by the pupil's parent or guardian. [The] Except as otherwise provided in sections 3 to 16, inclusive, of this act, the nursing services provided pursuant to a plan of nursing care must be performed in compliance with chapter 632 of NRS. As used in this subsection, "diabetes management plan" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 5 of this act.
- 5. When appropriate, refer a pupil and the pupil's parent or guardian to other sources in the community to obtain services necessary for the health of the pupil.
- 6. Interpret medical and nursing information that relates to a pupil's individual educational plan or individualized accommodation plan and make recommendations to:
 - (a) Professional personnel directly involved with that pupil; and
 - (b) The parents or guardian of that pupil.
- Sec. 2. Chapter 392 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 3 to 17, inclusive, of this act.
- Sec. 3. As used in sections 3 to 17, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined





in sections 4 to 7, inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

- Sec. 4. "Diabetes care aide" means an employee of a public school who has received training pursuant to section 9 of this act to provide assistance to a pupil with diabetes.
- Sec. 5. "Diabetes management plan" means the plan developed by the physician of a pupil with diabetes which sets forth the services the pupil requires to care for and manage the diabetes and which is signed by the physician and the parent or legal guardian of the pupil.
- Sec. 6. "Medication" means any medicine prescribed by a physician for the treatment of diabetes, including, without limitation, insulin and glucagon.
- Sec. 7. "Physician" means a person who is licensed to practice medicine pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS or osteopathic medicine pursuant to chapter 633 of NRS.
- Sec. 8. 1. The board of trustees of a school district or a principal of a public school shall not:
- 19 (a) Prohibit any pupil with diabetes from attending any public 20 school which the pupil would otherwise be able to attend if the 21 pupil did not have diabetes.
 - (b) Require the parent or legal guardian of a pupil with diabetes to provide any service or assistance to the pupil to care for or manage the diabetes while the pupil is on the grounds of a public school, participating in an activity sponsored by a public school or on a school bus.
 - 2. The provisions of this section apply regardless of whether a public school has a school nurse or a diabetes care aide.
 - Sec. 9. 1. The State Board of Education, in consultation with the State Board of Health, the American Diabetes Association and any similar organizations the State Board of Education determines appropriate, shall prescribe a training program for an employee of a public school to become a diabetes care aide.
 - 2. The training program must provide instruction in:
 - (a) Recognizing the symptoms of hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia;
 - (b) The appropriate treatment for a pupil who exhibits the symptoms of hypoglycemia or hyperglycemia;
 - (c) Understanding the appropriate treatment for a pupil whose blood glucose level is not within the target range identified in the diabetes management plan of the pupil;
 - (d) Understanding instructions set forth in the diabetes management plan of a pupil concerning necessary medications;
 - (e) Performing blood glucose and ketone tests and recording the results of those tests;





- (f) Administering insulin, glucagon or other medication in accordance with a diabetes management plan and recording the results of the administration;
 - (g) Understanding how to use an insulin pump;

(h) Recognizing situations that require emergency medical

assistance to be provided to a pupil; and

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- (i) Understanding the relationship between the recommended diet of a pupil set forth in the diabetes management plan of the pupil and the effect of physical activity upon blood glucose levels, and actions which may be taken if the recommended diet is not followed.
- 3. A school nurse or other health care professional who has knowledge and experience in the care, management and treatment of diabetes shall provide instruction in the training program.
- The training program must be provided whenever a diabetes care aide is authorized by the principal to provide assistance to a pupil with diabetes care and management at the school.
- Sec. 10. 1. The principal of each public school may provide written notice to each employee of the public school seeking volunteers to serve as diabetes care aides at the public school. The written notice must include, without limitation:
 - (a) A description of the duties of a diabetes care aide;
- (b) A statement that serving as a diabetes care aide is voluntary and that an employee who chooses not to volunteer will not be subject to any retaliatory or disciplinary action;
- (c) A description of the training program prescribed pursuant to section 9 of this act that an employee must complete to become a diabetes care aide; and
- (d) A statement that an employee who serves as a diabetes care aide is entitled to the immunity set forth in section 17 of this act;
- An employee who volunteers pursuant to subsection 1 must 32 participate in and complete the training program prescribed 33 pursuant to section 9 of this act to become a diabetes care aide. 34
 - Sec. 11. 1. The principal of a public school may authorize a school nurse or diabetes care aide to provide assistance to pupils with diabetes in the care and management of the disease if the parent or legal guardian of a pupil with diabetes requests that the public school in which the pupil is enrolled assist the pupil with the care and management of the diabetes while the pupil is on the grounds of a public school, participating in an activity sponsored by a public school or on a school bus.
 - Upon receiving such a request, the principal may determine whether the school has a school nurse or a diabetes care aide to accommodate the request.





- 3. If the principal determines that the school has a school nurse or diabetes care aide to accommodate the request, the principal may approve the request and notify the parent or legal guardian of the pupil of the approval and the requirements of section 12 of this act.
- 4. If the principal determines that the school does not have a school nurse or a diabetes care aide to accommodate the request, the principal may:
- (a) Notify the parent or legal guardian of the pupil that the request cannot be accommodated at that time;
- (b) Provide written notice to each employee of the public school pursuant to section 10 of this act seeking a volunteer to serve as a diabetes care aide at the school;
- (c) To the extent practicable, expedite the training provided to any such volunteer pursuant to section 9 of this act; and
- (d) Upon determining that the school has a school nurse or a diabetes care aide, approve the request and notify the parent or legal guardian of the pupil of the approval and the requirements of section 12 of this act.
- Sec. 12. The parent or legal guardian of a pupil with diabetes, upon receiving approval of a request pursuant to section 11 of this act, shall submit to the principal of the school:
 - I. The diabetes management plan of the pupil; and
- 2. On a form approved by the board of trustees of the school district and provided by the school, a signed statement of the parent or legal guardian authorizing:
- (a) Each school nurse and diabetes care aide to provide assistance to the pupil to care for and manage the diabetes in accordance with the diabetes management plan of the pupil while the pupil is on the grounds of a public school, participating in an activity sponsored by a public school or on a school bus; and
- (b) The principal of the public school to provide notice that the pupil has diabetes to each employee of the school who has primary responsibility for supervising the pupil and each driver of a school bus who transports the pupil to and from the public school or an activity sponsored by a public school.
- Sec. 13. The principal of a school, upon receiving the authorization and the diabetes management plan of a pupil with diabetes pursuant to section 12 of this act, shall:
- 1. Notify each employee of the public school who has primary responsibility for supervising the pupil and each driver of a school bus who transports the pupil to and from the public school or to an activity sponsored by a public school that the pupil has diabetes.





Ensure that training is provided to each employee who has primary responsibility for supervising the pupil and each driver of a school bus in recognizing the symptoms of hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia and the proper treatment of a pupil who is hypoglycemic or hyperglycemic.

3. Ensure that the school nurse or a diabetes care aide is available during regular school hours and during all school sponsored activities to assist the pupil with the care and management of the diabetes in accordance with the diabetes

management plan of the pupil.

4. Ensure that the school nurse or a diabetes care aide provides the services set forth in the diabetes management plan of the pupil to care for and manage the diabetes.

Sec. 14. A diabetes care aide, in assisting a pupil with diabetes in accordance with the diabetes management plan of the

pupil, may:

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- Test the blood glucose level of the pupil and record the 1. result:
 - Test the ketone level of the pupil and record the result; 2.
- 3. Treat a pupil whose blood glucose levels are not within the 20 target range set forth in the diabetes management plan; 21 22

Administer insulin, glucagon or other medication to the

pupil in accordance with the diabetes management plan;

- Ensure that the pupil follows his or her recommended diet; and
- 6. Assist the pupil in performing any act described in this section.
- Sec. 15. 1. The parent or legal guardian of a pupil with diabetes who is enrolled in a public school may submit a written request to the principal of the public school to allow the pupil to self-administer medication for the treatment of the diabetes and otherwise care for and manage the diabetes in accordance with the diabetes management plan of the pupil while the pupil is on the grounds of a public school, participating in an activity sponsored by a public school or on a school bus, which may include, without limitation:
 - (a) Performing blood glucose tests;
 - (b) Administering insulin, glucagon or other medication;

(c) Treating hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia; and

- (d) Otherwise attending to the care and management of the 40 41 diabetes.
- 42 2. A written request made pursuant to subsection 1 must 43 include:
- 44 (a) A signed statement of a physician indicating that the pupil 45 has diabetes and is able to self-administer the medication and





otherwise care for and manage the diabetes while the pupil is on the grounds of a public school, participating in an activity sponsored by a public school or on a school bus;

(b) The diabetes management plan of the pupil; and

- (c) A signed statement of the parent or legal guardian indicating that the parent or legal guardian grants permission for the pupil to self-administer the medication or otherwise care for and manage the diabetes while the pupil is on the grounds of a public school, participating in an activity sponsored by a public school or on a school bus.
- 3. Upon receipt of a written request submitted pursuant to subsection 1, the principal of the school shall provide written authorization for the pupil to carry and self-administer medication and otherwise care for and manage the diabetes while the pupil is on the grounds of a public school, participating in an activity sponsored by a public school or on a school bus. The written authorization must be maintained in the files of the public school and must include, without limitation:
 - (a) The diabetes management plan of the pupil;
- (b) The name and purpose of the medication which the pupil is authorized to self-administer;
 - (c) The prescribed dosage and the duration of the prescription;
- (d) The times at which and circumstances under which the medication is required or recommended to be self-administered;
- (e) The side effects that may occur from the administration of the medication; and
- (f) The name and telephone number of the physician of the pupil and the name and telephone number of the person to contact in case of a medical emergency concerning the pupil.
- 4. The written authorization provided pursuant to subsection 3 is valid for 1 school year but may be revoked at any time at the discretion of the principal. If a parent or legal guardian submits a new written request that complies with subsection 2, the principal of the public school shall, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, renew and, if necessary, revise the written authorization.
- 5. The principal of the school shall provide the pupil with a private area where the pupil may attend to the management and care of the diabetes upon application by the parent or legal guardian of the pupil.
- 6. As used in this section, "self-administer" means the auto-administration of a medication pursuant to the prescription for the medication or written directions for such a medication.





Sec. 16. The State Board shall adopt such regulations as it determines necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 3 to 17, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 17. School nurses, diabetes care aides and other school personnel and the board of trustees of a school district are not subject to civil liability, and school nurses, diabetes care aides and other school personnel are not subject to any disciplinary action, for any act performed by any person in carrying out any duty or authorized activity set forth in sections 3 to 17, inclusive, of this act, or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto, if the act is performed in such a manner as an ordinarily prudent person would reasonably perform the act under similar circumstances.

- **Sec. 18.** Chapter 394 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 19 to 32, inclusive, of this act
- Sec. 19. As used in sections 19 to 32, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 20 to 23, inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.
- Sec. 20. "Diabetes care aide" means an employee of a private school who has received training pursuant to section 9 of this act to provide assistance to a pupil with diabetes.
- Sec. 21. "Diabetes management plan" means the plan developed by the physician of a pupil with diabetes which sets forth the services the pupil requires to care for and manage the diabetes and which is signed by the physician and the parent or legal guardian of the pupil.
- Sec. 22. "Medication" means any medicine prescribed by a physician for the treatment of diabetes, including, without limitation, insulin and glucagon.
- Sec. 23. "Physician" means a person who is licensed to practice medicine pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS or osteopathic medicine pursuant to chapter 633 of NRS.
- Sec. 24. The training program for an employee of a public school to become a diabetes care aide which is prescribed by the Board pursuant to section 9 of this act applies to private schools.

 Sec. 25. 1. The principal or other person in charge of a
 - Sec. 25. 1. The principal or other person in charge of a private school may provide written notice to each employee of the private school seeking volunteers to serve as diabetes care aides at the private school. The written notice must include, without limitation:
 - (a) A description of the duties of a diabetes care aide;
 - (b) A statement that serving as a diabetes care aide is voluntary and that an employee who chooses not to volunteer will not be subject to any retaliatory or disciplinary action;





- (c) A description of the training program prescribed pursuant to section 9 of this act that an employee must complete to become a diabetes care aide; and
- (d) A statement that an employee who serves as a diabetes care aide is entitled to the immunity set forth in section 32 of this act;
- 2. An employee who volunteers pursuant to subsection 1 must participate in and complete the training program prescribed pursuant to section 9 of this act to become a diabetes care aide.
- Sec. 26. 1. The parent or legal guardian of a pupil with diabetes who wishes to request that the private school in which the pupil is enrolled assist the pupil with the care and management of the diabetes while the pupil is on the grounds of a private school, participating in an activity sponsored by a private school or on a school bus shall make the request by contacting the principal or other person in charge of the private school.
- 2. Upon receiving such a request, the principal or other person in charge of the private school may determine whether the school has a school nurse or a diabetes care aide to accommodate the request.
- 3. If the principal or other person in charge of the private school determines that the private school has a school nurse or a diabetes care aide to accommodate the request, the principal or other person in charge of the private school may approve the request and notify the parent or legal guardian of the pupil of the approval and the requirements of section 27 of this act.
- 4. If the principal or other person in charge of the private school determines that the private school does not have a school nurse or a diabetes care aide to accommodate the request, the principal or other person in charge of the private school may:
- (a) Notify the parent or legal guardian of the pupil that the request cannot be accommodated at that time;
- (b) Provide written notice to each employee of the private school pursuant to section 25 of this act seeking a volunteer to serve as a diabetes care aide at the school;
- (c) To the extent practicable, expedite the training provided to any such volunteer pursuant to section 9 of this act; and
 - (d) Upon determining that the private school has a school nurse or a diabetes care aide to accommodate the request, approve the request and notify the parent or legal guardian of the pupil of the approval and the requirements of section 27 of this act.
 - Sec. 27. The parent or legal guardian of a pupil with diabetes, upon receiving approval of a request pursuant to section 26 of this act, shall submit to the principal or other person in charge of the private school:
 - 1. The diabetes management plan of the pupil; and





2. On a form approved by the governing body of the private school and provided by the school, a signed statement of the

parent or legal guardian authorizing:

(a) Each school nurse and diabetes care aide to provide assistance to the pupil to care for and manage the diabetes in accordance with the diabetes management plan of the pupil while the pupil is on the grounds of a private school, participating in an activity sponsored by a private school or on a school bus; and

- (b) The principal or other person in charge of the private school to provide notice that the pupil has diabetes to each employee of the school with primary responsibility for supervising the pupil and each driver of a school bus who transports the pupil to and from the private school or an activity sponsored by a private school.
- Sec. 28. The principal or other person in charge of the private school, upon receiving the authorization and the diabetes management plan of a pupil with diabetes pursuant to section 27 of this act, shall:
- 1. Notify each employee who has primary responsibility for supervising the pupil of the private school and each driver of a school bus who transports the pupil to and from the private school or to an activity sponsored by a private school that the pupil has diabetes.
- 2. Ensure that training is provided to each employee who has primary responsibility for supervising the pupil and each driver of a school bus in recognizing the symptoms of hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia and the proper treatment of a pupil who is hypoglycemic or hyperglycemic.
- 3. Ensure that the school nurse or a diabetes care aide is available during regular school hours and during all school sponsored activities to assist the pupil with the care and management of the diabetes in accordance with the diabetes management plan of the pupil.
- 4. Ensure that the school nurse or a diabetes care aide provides the services set forth in the diabetes management plan of the pupil to care for and manage the diabetes.
- Sec. 29. A diabetes care aide, in assisting a pupil with diabetes in accordance with the diabetes management plan of the pupil, may:
- 1. Test the blood glucose level of the pupil and record the result;
 - 2. Test the ketone level of the pupil and record the result;
 - 3. Treat a pupil whose blood glucose levels are not within the target range set forth in the diabetes management plan;





- 1 4. Administer insulin, glucagon or other medication to the 2 pupil in accordance with the diabetes management plan;
 - 5. Ensure that the pupil follows his or her recommended diet; and
 - 6. Assist the pupil in performing any act described in this section.
 - Sec. 30. 1. The parent or legal guardian of a pupil with diabetes who is enrolled in a private school may submit a written request to the principal or other person in charge of the private school to allow the pupil to self-administer medication for the treatment of the diabetes and otherwise care for and manage the diabetes in accordance with the diabetes management plan of the pupil while the pupil is on the grounds of a private school, participating in an activity sponsored by a private school or on a school bus, which may include, without limitation:
 - (a) Performing blood glucose tests;
 - (b) Administering insulin, glucagon or other medication;
 - (c) Treating hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia; and
 - (d) Otherwise attending to the care and management of the diabetes.
 - 2. A written request made pursuant to subsection 1 must include:
 - (a) A signed statement of a physician indicating that the pupil has diabetes and is able to self-administer the medication and otherwise care for and manage the diabetes while the pupil is on the grounds of a private school, participating in an activity sponsored by a private school or on a school bus;
 - (b) The diabetes management plan of the pupil; and
 - (c) A signed statement of the parent or legal guardian indicating that the parent or legal guardian grants permission for the pupil to self-administer the medication or otherwise care for and manage the diabetes while the pupil is on the grounds of a private school, participating in an activity sponsored by a private school or on a school bus.
 - 3. Upon receipt of a written request submitted pursuant to subsection 1, the principal or other person in charge of the private school shall provide written authorization for the pupil to carry and self-administer medication and otherwise care for and manage the diabetes while the pupil is on the grounds of a private school, participating in an activity sponsored by a private school or on a school bus. The written authorization must be maintained in the files of the private school and must include, without limitation:
 - (a) The diabetes management plan of the pupil;





- (b) The name and purpose of the medication which the pupil is authorized to self-administer;
 - (c) The prescribed dosage and the duration of the prescription;
- (d) The times at which and circumstances under which the medication is required or recommended to be self-administered;
- (e) The side effects that may occur from the administration of the medication; and
- (f) The name and telephone number of the physician of the pupil and the name and telephone number of the person to contact in case of a medical emergency concerning the pupil.
- 4. The written authorization provided pursuant to subsection 3 is valid for 1 school year but may be revoked at any time at the discretion of the principal or other person in charge of the private school. If a parent or legal guardian submits a new written request that complies with subsection 2, the principal or other person in charge of the private school shall, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, renew and, if necessary, revise the written authorization.
- 5. The principal or other person in charge of the private school shall provide the pupil with a private area where the pupil may attend to the management and care of the diabetes upon application by the parent or legal guardian of the pupil.
- 6. As used in this section, "self-administer" means the auto-administration of a medication pursuant to the prescription for the medication or written directions for such a medication.
- Sec. 31. 1. The Board shall adopt such regulations as it determines necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 19 to 32, inclusive, of this act.
- 2. The regulations must be substantially similar to the regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to section 16 of this act.
 - Sec. 32. School nurses, diabetes care aides and other school personnel and the governing body of a private school are not subject to civil liability, and school nurses, diabetes care aides and other school personnel are not subject to any disciplinary action, for any act performed by any person in carrying out any duty or authorized activity set forth in sections 19 to 32, inclusive, of this act, or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto, if the act is performed in such a manner as an ordinarily prudent person would reasonably perform the act under similar circumstances.
 - **Sec. 33.** NRS 632.340 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 632.340 The provisions of NRS 632.315 do not prohibit:
- 1. Gratuitous nursing by friends or by members of the family of a patient.





- 2. The incidental care of the sick by domestic servants or persons primarily employed as housekeepers as long as they do not practice nursing within the meaning of this chapter.
 - 3. Nursing assistance in the case of an emergency.
- 4. The practice of nursing by students enrolled in accredited schools of nursing or by graduates of those schools or courses pending the results of the first licensing examination scheduled by the Board following graduation. A student or graduate may not work as a nursing assistant unless the student or graduate is certified to practice as a nursing assistant pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.
- 5. The practice of nursing in this State by any legally qualified nurse or nursing assistant of another state whose engagement requires the nurse or nursing assistant to accompany and care for a patient temporarily residing in this State during the period of one such engagement, not to exceed 6 months, if the person does not represent or hold himself or herself out as a nurse licensed to practice in this State or as a nursing assistant who holds a certificate to practice in this State.
- 6. The practice of any legally qualified nurse of another state who is employed by the United States Government, or any bureau, division or agency thereof, while in the discharge of his or her official duties in this State, including, without limitation, providing medical care in a hospital in accordance with an agreement entered into pursuant to NRS 449.2455.
- 7. Nonmedical nursing for the care of the sick, with or without compensation, if done by the adherents of, or in connection with, the practice of the religious tenets of any well-recognized church or religious denomination, if that nursing does not amount to the practice of practical or professional nursing as defined in NRS 632.017 and 632.018, respectively.
- 8. A personal assistant from performing services for a person with a disability pursuant to NRS 629.091.
- 9. A diabetes care aide from assisting a pupil with diabetes in the care and management of the diabetes pursuant to the provisions of sections 3 to 17, inclusive, or sections 19 to 32, inclusive, of this act. As used in this subsection, "diabetes care aide" means an employee of a public school or a private school who has received training pursuant to section 9 of this act to provide assistance to a pupil with diabetes.
- 10. A natural person from providing supported living arrangement services if:
- (a) That person has been issued a certificate pursuant to NRS 435.3305 to 435.339, inclusive, and the regulations adopted pursuant to NRS 435.3305 to 435.339, inclusive; or





- (b) That person is employed or retained as an independent contractor by a partnership, firm, corporation or association, state or local government or agency thereof that has been issued a certificate pursuant to NRS 435.3305 to 435.339, inclusive, and the regulations adopted pursuant to NRS 435.3305 to 435.339, inclusive.
- As used in this subsection, "supported living arrangement services" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 435.3315.
- **Sec. 34.** On or before January 1, 2014, the State Board of Education shall:
- 10 1. Prescribe the program of training required pursuant to 11 section 9 of this act; and
 - 2. Adopt regulations pursuant to sections 16 and 31 of this act.

Sec. 35. This act becomes effective:

- 1. On July 1, 2013, for the purposes of prescribing the program of training required pursuant to section 9 of this act and for adopting regulations and performing any preparatory administrative tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and
 - 2. On January 1, 2014, for all other purposes.





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