

To: Representative Jim Morrison, Chairman  
Members of the Health and Human Services Committee

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SB10

Good afternoon Mr. Chairperson and members of the committee. My name is Diane Glynn and I am the Practice Specialist of the Kansas State Board of Nursing.

The Kansas State Board of Nursing met on March 17, 2005 and would like to offer the following comments on SB10. The Board supports the bill and its purpose. The Kansas Nurse Practice Act (KNPA) at KSA 65-1124(k) authorizes unlicensed persons to perform nursing activities (ie, administering medications and supervising self administration of medications) if they have been delegated by a nurse. The Healing Arts Act (HHA) also allows this to occur if delegated by a physician. The bill currently sets up and follows this delegation authority by a physician, ARNP or PA.

However, on page 2 at lines 25 through 27 the language creates a conflict with the KNPA. It allows an unlicensed person, the school administrator designate an unlicensed person to oversee self administration of medication by students. KSBN feels it would be best to delete that language which would leave the delegation process in place and under the oversight of the child's health care provider.

In conclusion, KSBN does support SB10 with an amendment to remove lines 25 to 27 on page 2.

Thank you and I will stand for questions.