

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE  
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## **DILLON'S LAW**

### **BACKGROUND**

The legislation is inspired by the life of Dillon Mueller, an individual from Mishicot, Wisconsin who passed away at the age of 18 from anaphylaxis following a bee sting. Dillon's parents pushed for this law to be passed in Wisconsin and have since trained over 3,000 individuals through training programs approved and certified by the Wisconsin Department of Health. Dillon's Law has saved many lives in Wisconsin since its passage in 2017.

Anaphylaxis occurs when someone suffers a severe and life-threatening allergic reaction (oftentimes 1 to 15 minutes after exposure), most commonly from insect stings, food items, and medications. Anywhere from 500-1000 fatal cases of anaphylaxis occur per year in the United States. Anaphylaxis is the cause of hundreds of thousands of hospitalizations and emergency room visits every year.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill creates a grant preference under an existing federal grant program for preventative health services for states that allow trained individuals to carry and administer Epinephrine to someone suffering from a severe allergic reaction.

Under Dillon's Law, states would be incentivized through grant prioritization to train, certify, and enable good Samaritans to administer Epinephrine to an individual experiencing a severe allergic reaction in the event they need the medication before emergency medical services can arrive. The bill also requires states to implement civil liability protections for individuals trained in administering Epinephrine. Dillon's Law is similar to state laws passed in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Indiana.

Training for delivery of Epinephrine to an individual is cost effective, quick, and can prevent tragedies from occurring every year. Dillon's Law will give states proper incentives to develop these training programs so that individuals can carry and administer the medication when someone is suffering from a severe allergic reaction.

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