



# Montana Nurses' Association

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## HB 396

**Self-administration of asthma medication  
Introduced by Representative A.Becker**

SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & SAFETY

EXHIBIT NO. 6

DATE: 3-9-5

BILL NO. HB 396

**Chairman Cromley, members of the committee,  
I am Jenifer Sheehy, a Family Nurse Practitioner, representing the  
Montana Nurses' Association. I stand in support of passage of HB396  
with the following commentary from the membership of the  
Association.**

**Medication administration in the school setting has been an unresolved  
issue for many years. This bill addresses one disease condition, asthma,  
and one classification of medications. The last legislative session  
addressed diabetes and possible complications requiring immediate  
medication intervention while the child is in the school setting.**

**It does not seem prudent to legislate for each disease condition that will  
present now or in the future within the school setting. The time has  
come for representatives from the legislature, OPI, Boards of Nursing  
and Pharmacy, School Nurses' Association, PTSA, Schools Board  
Association and other interested parties to iron out a reasoned and safe  
approach to the overall issue of medication administration in the  
schools. The collective knowledge and proposed solutions of this group  
can then be transferred into proposed legislation for the next session.  
Leadership to address this multidimensional issue could effectively  
come from this body.**

*Jenifer Sheehy MS, FNP*

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