

Legislative Analysis



JENNA'S LAW: ALLOW BLOOD DONATION AT 16

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Senate Bill 419

Sponsor: Sen. Wayne Kuipers

House Committee: Health Policy

Senate Committee: Health Policy

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A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 419 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE 5-12-09

The bill would allow a 16-year-old to donate blood with parental consent.

Public Act 22 of 1971, which prescribes the age at which persons may donate their blood, allows a person 17 years of age or older to donate blood in a voluntary and noncompensatory blood program without the need for consent by a parent or legal guardian.

Senate Bill 419 would name Public Act 22 as "Jenna's Law" and would allow an individual who was 16 years of age to donate blood in a voluntary and noncompensatory blood program with his or her parent's or legal guardian's permission or authorization.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 486 has no state or local fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The bill is identical to Senate Bill 486 from last session. That bill was passed by the Senate and reported by the House Health Policy Committee, but died on the House floor.

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