

## **SB 753 – Release for Confidential Medical Services**

### Talking Points

1. SB 753 requires separate notification to parents if school district policy allows children in grades 7 through 12 to be released from campus for confidential medical services without their knowledge or consent.
2. Most school districts currently allow the release of these minor children without parental knowledge, but they are not required to do so. If districts opt to release children, parents must be notified that the policy exists at the beginning of the school year. Unfortunately, that notice is generally buried in pages of fine print, leaving most parents in the dark. SB 753 creates better awareness for parents.
3. Requiring that the notice be on a separate document within the significant amount of material sent home with children at the beginning of the school year ensures that this policy is more clearly communicated to parents and guardians.
4. Schools cannot give children headache medication without parental permission. Given that abortions and other medical procedure have serious emotional and physical consequences, it seems only appropriate that parents be properly notified that their children's schools could release students from campus without parental knowledge.
5. Nothing is of more concern to parents than their child's whereabouts and safety. Providing notification of release policies demonstrates that schools recognize the importance of parental involvement in children's lives.
6. SB 753 could also help protect schools from liability, an important concern in today's legal environment.