

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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Seizure Safe Schools

- Schools shall have at least one employee who has met training requirements necessary to administer seizure medication.
- Schools must provide training on seizure disorder to all personnel who have direct contact with a student.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1. Section 280.13D New Section—Seizure action plan and training requirements

“Individual health plan”—confidential, written, preplanned, and ongoing special health service developed for a student who requires such service to be incorporated with the student’s educational program.

“School nurse”—registered nurse holding current licensure who practices in the school setting to promote and protect the health of the school population by using knowledge from the nursing, social, and public health sciences.

“School personnel”—principals, guidance counselors, teachers, and other relevant employees who have direct contact with and supervise children, including school bus drivers and paraeducators.

“Seizure action plan”—written set of instructions designed to direct caregivers and staff to intervene in the event of a seizure occurrence and is considered a plan for emergencies as part of an individual health plan.

Starting with the school year beginning July 1, 2024, the school board shall have at least one school employee at each school who has met the training requirements necessary to administer or assist with the self-administration of all of the following:

- A medication approved by the FDA to treat seizure disorder symptoms or as a seizure rescue medication.
- A manual dose of a prescribed electrical stimulation using a vagus nerve simulator magnet approved by the FDA.

The presence of a school nurse employed full-time who assumed responsibility for the administrator of seizure medications shall fulfill the above requirements. This does not require school personnel, other than a school nurse, to administer a suppository to a student.

On or after December 31, 2025, each public school and accredited nonpublic school shall provide training to all school personnel on how to recognize the signs and symptoms of seizures and the appropriate steps for seizure first aid.

Each school shall require school personnel responsible for the seizure recognition and first aid training.

Each school shall require school personnel responsible for the supervision or care of students to undergo seizure recognition and first aid training on a biennial basis.

Any training programs or guidelines for the training of school personnel in the health care needs of students diagnosed with a seizure disorder shall be consistent with programs and guidelines developed by Epilepsy Foundation of America or any successor organization.

This shall not be construed to limit the authority of a school to require additional seizure disorder training.

Prior to administering medication according to a student's seizure disorder, the school must obtain a signed authorization from the student's parent or guardian

Authorization shall be effective for the school year in which it was granted and must be renewed each school year.

The district shall collaborate with parent/guardian, relevant healthcare professionals. In the development of an individual health plan, and seizure action plan if appropriate.

Each school shall maintain all authorizations on file in the school nurse's office or school administrator's office.

Each district shall distribute information regarding a student's seizure action plan to any school personnel responsible for the supervision or care of the student.

The requirements shall only apply to a school that has either of the following:

- An enrolled student with a known diagnosis of epilepsy or seizure disorder.
- An enrolled student who is known to currently be taking medication to treat seizure disorder.

The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to establish a new seizure education program.