

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to student health and safety; amending
3 s. 385.207, F.S.; revising Department of Health
4 responsibilities for educational programs concerning
5 epilepsy; amending s. 1006.0626, F.S.; revising the
6 definition of the term "school"; revising requirements
7 for a student's individualized seizure action plan;
8 revising the list of which employees must complete
9 training in the care of students with epilepsy and
10 seizure disorders; providing that the training is
11 valid for 5 years; requiring schools to display a
12 specified poster; providing an effective date.

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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16 **Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section**
17 **385.207, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

18 385.207 Care and assistance of persons with epilepsy;
19 establishment of programs in epilepsy control.—

20 (2) The Department of Health shall:

21 (e) Institute and maintain an educational program among
22 physicians, hospitals, county health departments, and the public
23 concerning epilepsy, including the dissemination of information
24 and the conducting of educational programs concerning the
25 prevention of epilepsy and methods developed and used for the

26 care and treatment of persons with epilepsy. The educational
27 program must include the education and training requirements of
28 s. 1006.0626(3) and (5).

29 **Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1), paragraph (b)**
30 **of subsection (2), and paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of**
31 **section 1006.0626, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection**
32 **(5) is added to that section, to read:**

33 1006.0626 Care of students with epilepsy or seizure
34 disorders.—

35 (1) As used in this section, the term:

36 (c) "School" has the same meaning as in s. 1003.01(17) and
37 includes charter schools under s. 1002.33.

38 (2)

39 (b) An ISAP must be developed and signed by a medical
40 professional, in consultation with the student's parent, and
41 include the following:

42 1. Written orders from the student's medical professional,
43 in a form determined by the medical professional, outlining the
44 student's epilepsy or seizure disorder recommended care.

45 2. The parent's signature.

46 3. The student's epilepsy or seizure disorder symptoms.

47 4. Any accommodations the student requires for school
48 trips, after-school programs and activities, class parties, and
49 any other school-related activities.

50 5. When and whom to call for medical assistance.

51 6. The student's ability to manage, and the student's
52 level of understanding of, his or her epilepsy or seizure
53 disorder.

54 7. How to maintain communication with the student; the
55 student's parent; and the student's health care team, school
56 nurse, and educational staff.

57 8. Any rescue medication prescribed by the student's
58 medical professional and how and when to administer the
59 medication.

60 (3) The school nurse or an appropriate school employee of
61 a school that receives an ISAP pursuant to subsection (2) shall:

62 (b) Verify that each school district employee whose duties
63 include regular contact with the student, including any employee
64 who teaches students or transports students to and from school
65 or school activities, has completed training in the care of
66 students with epilepsy and seizure disorders. The training must
67 include how to recognize the symptoms of and provide care for
68 epilepsy and seizure disorders. To assist schools in meeting
69 this requirement, the Department of Education shall identify on
70 its website one or more online training courses that are
71 provided by a nonprofit national organization that supports the
72 welfare of individuals with epilepsy and seizure disorders and
73 are available free of charge to schools. The completion of
74 training is valid for 5 years.

75 (5) Each school as defined in paragraph (1)(c) shall

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76 display a poster developed by the department which describes the
77 basic steps of responding to an individual having a seizure. The
78 department shall identify one or more posters that are provided
79 by a national nonprofit organization that supports the welfare
80 of individuals with epilepsy and seizure disorders and are
81 available free of charge to schools.

82 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.