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 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

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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.

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