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

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

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

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

(2) The Department of Health shall:

(e) Institute and maintain an educational program among  
physicians, hospitals, county health departments, and the public  
concerning epilepsy, including the dissemination of information  
and the conducting of educational programs concerning the  
prevention of epilepsy and methods developed and used for the  
care and treatment of persons with epilepsy. The educational  
program must include the education and training requirements of  
s. 1006.0626(3) and (5).

Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1), paragraph (b)

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of subsection (2), and paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 1006.0626, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

1006.0626 Care of students with epilepsy or seizure disorders.—

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

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

(2)

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

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

2. The parent's signature.

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

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

5. When and whom to call for medical assistance.

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

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

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

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

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

(5) Each school as defined in paragraph (1)(c) shall display a poster developed by the department which describes the basic steps of responding to an individual having a seizure. The department shall identify one or more posters that are provided by a national nonprofit organization that supports the welfare of individuals with epilepsy and seizure disorders and are available free of charge to schools.

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