

**By** the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Garcia

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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; requiring the Department of Education to identify for a specified purpose posters that meet certain requirements; 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

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30 program must include the education and training requirements of  
31 s. 1006.0626(3) and (5).

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

36       1006.0626 Care of students with epilepsy or seizure  
37 disorders.—

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

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

41       (2)

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

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

48       2. The parent's signature.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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