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Introduction and first reading
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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; requiring seizure training in schools; proposing coding for
1.3 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 121A.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. [121A.223] SEIZURE SMART SCHOOLS.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Seizure action plan. (a) For purposes of this section, "seizure action
1.7 plan" means a written individualized health plan designed to acknowledge and prepare for
1.8 the health care needs of a student with a seizure disorder diagnosed by the student's treating
1.9 physician.

1.10 (b) The requirements of this subdivision apply to a school district or charter school where
1.11 an enrolled student's parent or guardian has notified the school district or charter school that
1.12 the student has a diagnosed seizure disorder and has seizure rescue medication or medication
1.13 prescribed by the student's health care provider to treat seizure disorder symptoms approved
1.14 by the United States Food and Drug Administration. The parent or guardian of a student
1.15 with a diagnosed seizure disorder must collaborate with school personnel to implement the
1.16 seizure action plan.

1.17 (c) A seizure action plan must:

1.18 (1) identify at least one employee at each school site who is on duty during the entire
1.19 school day and can administer or assist with the self-administration of seizure rescue
1.20 medication or medication prescribed to treat seizure disorder symptoms approved by the
1.21 United States Food and Drug Administration;

2.1 (2) require training on seizure medications for an employee identified under clause (1),
2.2 recognition of signs and symptoms of seizures, and appropriate steps to respond to seizures;
2.3 and

2.4 (3) be filed in the office of the school principal or licensed school nurse.

2.5 (d) A school district or charter school employee or volunteer responsible for the
2.6 supervision or care of a student with a diagnosed seizure disorder must be given notice and
2.7 a copy of the seizure action plan, the name of the employee identified under paragraph (c),
2.8 clause (1), and the method by which the trained school employee may be contacted in an
2.9 emergency.

2.10 Subd. 2. **Training requirements.** A school district or charter school must provide all
2.11 principals, school counselors, school nurses, and teachers hired after July 1, 2020, with at
2.12 least one hour of self-study materials on seizure disorder signs, symptoms, medications,
2.13 and appropriate responses.

2.14 Subd. 3. **Department of Health.** A school district or charter school may consult with
2.15 the commissioner of health regarding training resources to comply with the requirements
2.16 of this section.

2.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2020-2021 school year and later.