

SCHOOL EPILEPSY TRAINING AMENDMENTS

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Susan Pulsipher

Senate Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires a local education agency to provide training on seizures and seizure disorders.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires a local education agency to provide training on seizures to teachers and other individuals; and
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to adopt training and program guidelines.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53G-9-212, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53G-9-212** is enacted to read:

53G-9-212. Seizure awareness.

(1) (a) Beginning with the 2022-23 school year, an LEA shall provide, as described in Subsection (1)(b) and subject to Subsection (3), training to:

- (i) a teacher who teaches a student who has informed the student's school or teacher

30 that the student has epilepsy or a similar seizure disorder; and

31 (ii) an administrator at the school where the student described in Subsection (1)(a)(i)
32 attends.

33 (b) The training shall:

34 (i) be offered every two years; and

35 (ii) include:

36 (A) recognizing signs and symptoms of seizures; and

37 (B) appropriate steps for seizure first aid.

38 (2) Beginning with the 2023-24 school year, an LEA shall provide, as described in
39 Subsection (1)(b) and subject to Subsection (3), training to administrators, teachers, classroom
40 aides, and other individuals who interact with or supervise students.

41 (3) (a) The state board shall adopt guidelines for the training described in Subsections
42 (1)(a) and (2).

43 (b) The guidelines shall be consistent with programs and guidelines developed by the
44 Epilepsy Foundation of America or another national nonprofit organization that supports
45 individuals with epilepsy and seizure disorders.

46 (4) A training offered under this section may not require a person to provide first aid to
47 a student experiencing or showing symptoms of a seizure.