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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for training and other procedures relating
2 to student seizures for public and accredited nonpublic
3 schools.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 280.16B Student seizure training
2 and response — administration of medication.

3 1. For purposes of this section:

4 a. *"Licensed health care professional"* means the same as
5 provided in section 280.16.

6 b. *"Seizure action plan"* means a written, individualized
7 health plan designed to acknowledge and prepare for the health
8 care needs of a student diagnosed with a seizure disorder.

9 c. *"Seizure medication"* means medication approved by the
10 United States food and drug administration or any successor
11 agency and prescribed to a student by a licensed health care
12 professional to treat seizure disorder symptoms, including
13 medication to be administered on an emergency basis.

14 2. The board of directors of a school district and the
15 authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school shall
16 have at least one employee at each attendance center who has
17 received instruction on administering or assisting with the
18 self-administration of seizure medication.

19 3. Instruction pursuant to subsection 2 shall include
20 instruction on administering seizure medication and recognizing
21 the signs and symptoms of seizures and the appropriate steps
22 to be taken to respond to such signs and symptoms. Such
23 instruction shall be fully consistent with training programs
24 developed by the epilepsy foundation of America or any
25 successor organization.

26 4. The parent or guardian of a student prescribed seizure
27 medication shall do all of the following to enable a school
28 employee to administer seizure medication to or assist with the
29 self-administration of seizure medication by the student:

30 a. Provides the school district or school each school
31 year with a written authorization in a form prescribed by the
32 school district or school to administer the medication at an
33 attendance center or other school function.

34 b. Provides the school district or school each school
35 year with a written statement from a licensed health care

1 professional that contains all of the following information:

2 (1) The student's name.

3 (2) The name and purpose of the medication.

4 (3) The prescribed dosage of the medication.

5 (4) The route of administration of the medication.

6 (5) The frequency that the medication may be administered.

7 (6) The circumstances under which the medication may be
8 administered.

9 c. Provides the seizure medication to the school district or
10 school in its unopened, sealed package with the label affixed
11 by the dispensing pharmacy intact and replaces the seizure
12 medication upon depletion or expiration.

13 d. Collaborates with school district or school personnel to
14 create a seizure action plan for the student.

15 5. The school district or school shall keep the written
16 statements and seizure action plan pursuant to subsection
17 4, paragraphs "a" and "b", on file. The school district or
18 school shall distribute the seizure action plan to any school
19 personnel or volunteers responsible for the supervision or care
20 of the student.

21 6. Every school district or school shall provide an
22 age-appropriate seizure education program to all students
23 on seizures and seizure disorders. The program shall be
24 consistent with guidelines published by the epilepsy foundation
25 of America or any successor organization.

26 7. The board of directors of a school district and the
27 authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school shall
28 require a minimum of one hour of self-study review of training
29 materials on recognition of and appropriate response to seizure
30 disorders by each principal, guidance counselor, and teacher
31 each school year.

32 8. The department of education, in consultation with the
33 board of medicine, the board of nursing, and the board of
34 physician assistants, shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
35 17A to administer this section, including but not limited to

1 prescribed seizure medication to take actions specified in
2 the bill to enable a school employee to administer seizure
3 medication to or assist with the self-administration of seizure
4 medication by the student.

5 The parent or guardian must provide the school district
6 or school each school year with a written authorization to
7 administer the medication at an attendance center or other
8 school function. The parent or guardian must provide the
9 school district or school each school year with a written
10 statement from a licensed health care professional that
11 contains specified information about the student's seizure
12 medication. The parent or guardian must provide the seizure
13 medication to the school district or school in its unopened,
14 sealed package with the label affixed by the dispensing
15 pharmacy intact and replace the seizure medication upon
16 depletion or expiration. The parent or guardian must
17 collaborate with school district or school personnel to create
18 a seizure action plan for the student. The bill defines
19 "seizure action plan" as a written, individualized health plan
20 designed to acknowledge and prepare for the health care needs
21 of a student diagnosed with a seizure disorder. The school
22 district or school is required to distribute the seizure action
23 plan to any school personnel or volunteers responsible for the
24 supervision or care of the student.

25 The bill requires every school district and accredited
26 nonpublic school to provide an age-appropriate seizure
27 education program to all students on seizures and seizure
28 disorders. The program shall be consistent with guidelines
29 published by the epilepsy foundation of America or any
30 successor organization.

31 The bill requires school boards and authorities in charge
32 of accredited nonpublic schools to require a minimum of one
33 hour of self-study review of training materials on recognition
34 of and appropriate response to seizure disorders by each
35 principal, guidance counselor, and teacher each school year.

1 The bill requires the department of education, in
2 consultation with the board of medicine, the board of nursing,
3 and the board of physician assistants, to adopt rules to
4 administer the bill.

5 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
6 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of
7 any state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
8 district from state school foundation aid received by the
9 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification
10 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state mandate
11 funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2. The
12 inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate the
13 requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any state
14 mandates included in the bill.