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An Act to Make School Safer for Students with Epilepsy and Other Seizure Disorders by Requiring Seizure Action Plans and Training in Schools

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Clerk

Presented by Representative KUHN of Falmouth.
Cosponsored by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland and
Representatives: GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MEYER of Eliot, MITCHELL of
Cumberland, MURPHY of Scarborough.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6310** is enacted to read:

3 **§6310. Seizure disorder; training, medication and action plan; education**

4 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the
5 following terms have the following meanings.

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

9 B. "Seizure rescue medication or medication prescribed to treat seizure disorder
10 symptoms" means a seizure rescue medication or medication prescribed to treat seizure
11 disorder symptoms that has been approved by the United States Food and Drug
12 Administration.

13 **2. Seizure disorder training required.** Beginning July 1, 2026, a school
14 administrative unit and an approved private school shall employ at least one individual who
15 has completed the training requirements necessary to administer or assist with the
16 self-administration of a seizure rescue medication or medication prescribed to treat seizure
17 disorder symptoms. The training must:

18 A. Include instruction on recognition of and appropriate response to the signs and
19 symptoms of a seizure; and

20 B. Conform to training programs and guidelines developed by a national epilepsy
21 advocacy organization.

22 Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year and annually thereafter, school employees subject
23 to professional development shall, for a minimum of one hour of self-directed study, review
24 materials related to seizure disorders.

25 **3. Seizure medication.** A school employee who has completed the training under
26 subsection 2 may administer to a student or assist with a student's self-administration of a
27 seizure rescue medication or medication prescribed to treat seizure disorder symptoms as
28 long as the student's parent or guardian has provided:

29 A. Written authorization for the medication to be administered at school by a school
30 employee or self-administered by the student with a school employee's assistance;

31 B. A written statement from a physician licensed in this State containing the name of
32 the student; the name of the medication; the purpose of the medication; the prescribed
33 dosage of the medication; the method of administration of the medication; and the
34 frequency and circumstances under which the medication may be administered; and

35 C. The prescribed medication in its unopened, sealed package with the label affixed by
36 the dispensing pharmacy intact.

37 A written authorization for a seizure rescue medication or medication prescribed to treat
38 seizure disorder symptoms must be renewed each school year after establishing a seizure
39 action plan pursuant to subsection 4.

40 **4. Seizure action plan.** A school administrative unit and an approved private school
41 shall collaborate with the parent or guardian of a student diagnosed with a seizure disorder

1 to establish a seizure action plan. A seizure action plan must be kept on file in the office
2 of the school nurse or a school administrator and be distributed to a school employee
3 responsible for the supervision or care of the student.

4 **5. Education.** Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, a school administrative unit
5 and approved private school shall provide age-appropriate seizure education programming
6 to all students on seizures and seizure disorders. The seizure education program must be
7 consistent with guidelines published by a national epilepsy advocacy organization.

8 **6. Rules.** The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted
9 pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375,
10 subchapter 2-A.

11 SUMMARY

12 This bill requires school administrative units and approved private schools to employ
13 at least one individual who has met the training requirements necessary to administer or
14 assist in the self-administration of a seizure rescue medication or a medication prescribed
15 to treat seizure disorder symptoms beginning July 1, 2026. The bill also requires that,
16 beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, all school employees subject to professional
17 development must, for a minimum of one hour of self-directed study, review seizure
18 disorder materials. The bill also requires that a student's parent or guardian must provide
19 written authorization for a seizure medication to be administered at school by a school
20 employee or self-administered at school with a school employee's assistance, a written
21 statement from a physician licensed in this State and the prescribed medication in its
22 unopened, sealed package with the label affixed by the dispensing pharmacy intact. A
23 student's parent or guardian must also collaborate with the school to develop a seizure
24 action plan, which must be kept on file in the office of the school nurse or a school
25 administrator and be distributed to a school employee responsible for the supervision or
26 care of the student. The bill also requires a school administrative unit and approved private
27 school to provide age-appropriate seizure education programming to all students beginning
28 in the 2026-2027 school year.