

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2594

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; creating the Seizure-Safe Schools Act; defining term; requiring schools to employ individuals with certain training requirements; providing for training criteria; requiring certain items be provided by parents or legal guardians; providing for seizure action plans; providing exception; requiring schools to provide seizure education programs; requiring minimum time of self-study for certain persons; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.197 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Seizure-Safe Schools Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.197.1 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 As used in the Seizure Safe-Schools Act, "seizure action plan"
2 means a written, individualized health plan designed to acknowledge
3 and prepare for the health care needs of a student diagnosed with a
4 seizure disorder.

5 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.197.2 of Title 70, unless
7 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 A. Beginning July 1, 2019, the board of each local public
9 school district and governing body of each private and parochial
10 school or school district shall have at least one school employee at
11 each school who has met the training requirements necessary to:

12 1. Administer or assist with the self-administration of a
13 seizure rescue medication or medication prescribed to treat seizure
14 disorder symptoms as approved by the United States Food and Drug
15 Administration and any successor agency; and

16 2. Recognize the signs and symptoms of seizures and the
17 appropriate steps to be taken to respond to these symptoms.

18 B. Any training programs or guidelines adopted by any state
19 agency for the training of school personnel in the health care needs
20 of any student diagnosed with a seizure disorder shall be fully
21 consistent with training programs and guidelines developed by the
22 Epilepsy Foundation of America and any successor organization.
23 Notwithstanding any state agency requirement or other law to the
24 contrary, for the purposes of this training a local school district

1 shall be permitted to use any adequate and appropriate training
2 program or guidelines for training of school personnel in the
3 seizure disorder care tasks covered under this section.

4 C. Before a seizure rescue medication can be administered to a
5 student to treat seizure disorder symptoms, the student's parent or
6 legal guardian shall:

7 1. Provide the school with written authorization to administer
8 the medication at school;

9 2. Provide a written statement from the student's health care
10 provider that shall contain the following information:

- 11 a. the student's name,
- 12 b. the name and purpose of the medication,
- 13 c. the prescribed dosage,
- 14 d. the route of administration,
- 15 e. the frequency that the medication may be administered,
- 16 and
- 17 f. the circumstances under which the medication may be
- 18 administered;

19 3. Provide the prescribed medication to the school in its
20 unopened, sealed package with the label affixed by the dispensing
21 pharmacy intact; and

22 4. Collaborate with school personnel to create a seizure action
23 plan.

1 D. The statements and seizure action plan required in this
2 section shall be kept on file in the office of the school nurse or
3 school administrator and shall be distributed to any school
4 personnel or volunteers responsible for the supervision or care of
5 the student.

6 E. The permission for the administration of any of the
7 medications pursuant to this section shall be effective for the
8 school year in which it is granted and shall be renewed each
9 following school year upon fulfilling the requirements of
10 subsections B and D of this section.

11 F. The requirements of this act shall apply only to a school
12 that has a student enrolled who has a seizure disorder and has a
13 seizure rescue medication or medication prescribed to treat seizure
14 disorder symptoms approved by the United States Food and Drug
15 Administration and any successor agency prescribed by the student's
16 health care provider.

17 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.197.3 of Title 70, unless
19 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 Every public school shall provide an age-appropriate seizure
21 education program to all students on seizures and seizure disorders.
22 The seizure education program shall be consistent with guidelines
23 published by the Epilepsy Foundation of America and any successor
24 organization. The State Board of Education shall promulgate

1 administrative rules for the development and implementation of the
2 seizure education program and the procedures for the development and
3 content of seizure action plans.

4 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
5 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.197.4 of Title 70, unless
6 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

7 A minimum of one (1) hour self-study review of seizure disorder
8 materials shall be required for all principals, guidance counselors
9 and teachers each school year.

10 SECTION 6. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
11 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
12 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
13 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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