SENATE BILL No. 167

By Committee on Education

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AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to student health; requiring certain school district employees to receive training for seizure recognition and related first aid; providing immunity from liability therefor; authorizing the adoption of rules and regulations.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) (1) Beginning in school year 2023-2024, each board of education of a school district shall provide up to one hour of seizure recognition and related first aid training to every employee of such school district who works in a school building that has a student who has a seizure disorder enrolled in such school.

- (2) The training required by this subsection shall be consistent with training programs and guidelines developed by a nationally-recognized organization focused on epilepsy and include, but not be limited to, instruction in recognizing the signs and symptoms of seizures, responding to such signs and symptoms with appropriate steps and administering seizure medications. Such training may include online information or materials.
- (b) The school nurse assigned to the school where training is required or the school administrator in the absence of a school nurse shall coordinate the provision of epilepsy and seizure disorder care at such school and ensure that all school employees are trained as required by this section in each school year a student with a seizure disorder is enrolled at such school.
- (c) (1) Before seizure rescue medication may be administered to a student to treat seizure disorder symptoms, the student's parent shall:
- (A) Collaborate with appropriate school personnel and the student's healthcare provider to create a seizure action plan;
- (B) provide the school with written authorization to administer the medication at school;
- (C) provide a written statement from the student's healthcare provider that contains the following information:
 - (i) The student's name:
 - (ii) the name and purpose of the medication;
- 35 (iii) the prescribed dosage;
 - (iv) the route of administration;

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(v) the frequency that the medication may be administered; and

- (vi) the circumstances under which the medication may be administered.
- (2) The written authorization, written statement and seizure action plan shall be kept on file in the office of the school nurse or school administrator and distributed to school employees responsible for the supervision and care of the student.
- (3) The written authorization for the administration of seizure rescue medications shall be effective for the school year in which it is granted and may be renewed each succeeding school year upon satisfaction of the requirements of this subsection.
- (4) The seizure action plan shall be updated at the start of each school year and when there any changes in the health status of a student.
- (d) No cause of action may be brought for any loss or damage caused by any act or omission resulting from the implementation of this section or resulting from any training or lack of training required by this section. Nothing in this section shall be construed to impose any specific duty of care.
- (e) The state board of education may adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this section.
 - (f) As used in this section:
- (1) "Parent" means a parent, legal guardian, custodian or other person who has authority to act on behalf of a child.
- (2) "Seizure action plan" means a written, individualized health plan designed to acknowledge and prepare for the healthcare needs of a student diagnosed with a seizure disorder.
- (3) "Student" means a student enrolled in a school of a school district who has been diagnosed with epilepsy or other seizure disorder and has seizure rescue medication or other medication prescribed to treat seizure disorder symptoms.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.