

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE BILL

## No. 1820 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY QUINN, BURNS, DIAMOND, BERNSTINE, CALTAGIRONE,  
COX, O'MARA, BARRAR AND HOWARD, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 23, 2020

## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An  
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain  
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial  
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the  
5 laws relating thereto," in school health services, providing  
6 for seizure recognition and related first aid training.

7 THIS ACT MAY BE REFERRED TO AS THE DOMINATE EPILEPSY LAW. <--

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known  
11 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a  
12 section to read:

13 Section 1414.11. Seizure Recognition and Related First Aid  
14 Training.--(A) Beginning with the school year 2021-2022 and <--  
15 each year thereafter:

16 (1) A school nurse shall MAY complete a Department of Health <--  
17 approved online course of instruction OR IN-PERSON TRAINING for <--  
18 school nurses regarding management of a student with seizures  
19 that includes information about seizure recognition, a seizure

1 action plan and related first aid.

2 (2) A professional employe of a school entity, other than a  
3 school nurse, whose duties at the school entity include ~~regular~~ <--  
4 DIRECT contact with students ~~shall~~ MAY complete a Department of <--  
5 Health online course of instruction OR IN-PERSON TRAINING <--  
6 regarding awareness of a student with seizures that includes  
7 information about seizure recognition and related first aid.

8 (3) The training required under this section shall be  
9 PROVIDED AT NO COST AND credited toward a professional <--  
10 educator's continuing professional education requirement under  
11 section 1205.2, any staff development requirements for  
12 paraprofessionals under 22 Pa. Code § 14.105 (relating to  
13 personnel) and a school or system leader's continuing  
14 professional education requirement under section 1205.5.

15 (4) COMPLETION OF SEIZURE DISORDER TRAINING SHALL NOT BE <--  
16 CONSTRUED TO OBLIGATE A PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYE TO ADMINISTER  
17 MEDICATION OR PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE TO A STUDENT WITH A SEIZURE  
18 DISORDER.

19 (5) A PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYE ACTING IN GOOD FAITH AND WITHIN  
20 THE SCOPE OF THE AUTHORITY PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL NOT  
21 BE LIABLE FOR CIVIL DAMAGES AS A RESULT OF AN ACT OR OMISSION IN  
22 THE COURSE OF ANY TRAINING OR RELATED FIRST AID UNDER THIS  
23 SECTION.

24 ~~(4)~~ (6) The Department of Health ~~may~~ IN CONSULTATION WITH <--  
25 THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SHALL identify, develop or approve  
26 an online course of instruction OR IN-PERSON TRAINING provided <--  
27 by a nonprofit national foundation NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, <--  
28 2021, that supports the welfare of individuals with epilepsy and  
29 seizure disorders to satisfy the training required under this  
30 section.

1     ~~(5)~~ (7)   The Department of Health, in consultation with the   <--  
2   Department of Education, shall adopt guidelines to administer  
3   this section.

4     (B)   FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL   <--  
5   HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

6     "PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYE."   THE TERM SHALL HAVE THE MEANING  
7   GIVEN IN SECTION 1101.

8     "SCHOOL ENTITY."   A SCHOOL DISTRICT, INTERMEDIATE UNIT, AREA  
9   CAREER AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL, CHARTER SCHOOL, CYBER CHARTER  
10  SCHOOL OR REGIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL.

11     Section 2.   This act shall take effect immediately.