

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1990 Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY KAZEEM, STEELE, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, BOROWSKI, SANCHEZ, FREEMAN, GUENST, DIAMOND, KINSEY, HILL-EVANS, BRIGGS, HOWARD, MALAGARI, GREEN, O'MARA, DALEY, HARKINS, T. DAVIS, KENYATTA, GIRAL, PROBST, KHAN, DELLOSO, BOYD, DONAHUE, FLEMING, WARREN AND CURRY, JANUARY 31, 2024

AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JUNE 28, 2024

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, further
6 providing for seizure recognition and related first aid
7 training.

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

10 Section 1. Section 1414.11(a) introductory paragraph, (1)
11 and (2) of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as
12 the Public School Code of 1949, are amended and the section is
13 amended by adding a subsection to read:

14 Section 1414.11. Seizure Recognition and Related First Aid
15 Training.--(a) Beginning with the school year [2022-2023] 2024-
16 2025 and [each year] EVERY TWO YEARS thereafter: <--

17 (1) A school nurse [may] shall complete a Department of
18 Health-approved online course of instruction or in-person

1 training for school nurses regarding management of a student
2 with seizures that includes information about seizure
3 recognition, a seizure action plan and related first aid.

4 (2) A professional employe of a school entity, other than a
5 school nurse, whose duties at the school entity include direct
6 contact with students [may] shall complete a Department of
7 Health-approved online course of instruction or in-person
8 training regarding awareness of a student with seizures that
9 includes information about seizure recognition and related first
10 aid.

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12 (b.1) Nothing in this section shall be construed to create,
13 establish or expand any civil liability on the part of any
14 school entity or any school entity employe. The provisions of 42
15 Pa.C.S. §§ 8332 (relating to emergency response provider and
16 bystander good Samaritan civil immunity) and 8337.1 (relating to
17 civil immunity of school officers or employees relating to
18 emergency care, first aid and rescue) shall apply to a school
19 entity employe who provides treatment to a student experiencing
20 a seizure in a manner consistent with the policy adopted by the
21 school entity.

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23 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.