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To: Public Health and Human Services; Education

## HOUSE BILL NO. 346 (As Sent to Governor)

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2025, EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD SHALL HAVE AT LEAST ONE EMPLOYEE OR VENDOR AT EACH SCHOOL WHO HAS MET THE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER SEIZURE RESCUE MEDICATION FOR PERSONS EXPERIENCING 5 SEIZURE DISORDER SYMPTOMS; TO REQUIRE TRAINING FOR SUCH PERSON TO 6 BE CONSISTENT WITH GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY THE UNITED STATES FOOD 7 AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AND ANY SUCCESSOR AGENCY; TO REQUIRE THE 8 PARENTS, LEGAL GUARDIANS OR OTHER RESPONSIBLE ADULT OF CHILDREN 9 WHO EXPERIENCE SEIZURE DISORDER SYMPTOMS TO PROVIDE WRITTEN 10 AUTHORIZATION TO THE SCHOOL FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF NECESSARY 11 MEDICATION, ALONG WITH A WRITTEN STATEMENT FROM THE CHILD'S 12 MEDICAL PROVIDER; TO REQUIRE THE WRITTEN STATEMENT AND THE CHILD'S 13 SEIZURE ACTION PLAN TO BE KEPT ON FILE BY THE SCHOOL NURSE OR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR; TO EXEMPT SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ACTING IN GOOD 14 15 FAITH AND IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH A STUDENT'S INDIVIDUAL 16 HEALTH PLAN TO RENDER ASSISTANCE TO A CHILD EXPERIENCING A SEIZURE 17 EPISODE FROM CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY; AND FOR RELATED 18 PURPOSES. 19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 20 SECTION 1. As used in this act, the term "seizure action plan" means a written, individualized health plan designed to 21 22 acknowledge and prepare for the health care needs of a student or employee diagnosed with a seizure disorder. 23 24 SECTION 2. (1) (a) Beginning on July 1, 2025, the local 25 school board of each public school district shall have at least

one (1) school employee at each school who has met the training

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- 28 self-administration of a seizure rescue medication or medication
- 29 prescribed to treat seizure disorder symptoms as approved by the
- 30 United States Food and Drug Administration and any successor
- 31 agency.
- 32 (b) A local school district shall be permitted to use
- 33 any adequate and appropriate training program or guidelines for
- 34 training of school personnel in the seizure disorder care tasks
- 35 covered under this section.
- 36 (2) (a) Before administering a seizure rescue medication or
- 37 medication prescribed to treat seizure disorder symptoms, the
- 38 student's parent, quardian or responsible adult shall:
- 39 (i) Provide the school with a written
- 40 authorization to administer the medication at school;
- 41 (ii) Provide a written statement from the person's
- 42 health care practitioner, which shall contain the following
- 43 information:
- 44 1. Full name;
- 45 2. The name and purpose of the medication;
- 46 3. The prescribed dosage;
- 47 4. The route of administration;
- 48 5. The frequency that the medication may be
- 49 administered; and
- 50 6. The circumstances under which the

51 medication may be administered;

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53	school in its	unopened,	sealed	package	with	the	label	affixed	by
54	the dispensing	y pharmacy	intact.	•					

- 55 (b) In addition to the statements required in paragraph
  56 (a) of this subsection, the parent or guardian, or adult shall
  57 collaborate with school personnel to create a seizure action plan.
- 58 (3) The statements and seizure action plan required in 59 subsection (2) of this section shall be kept on file in the office 60 of the school nurse or school administrator.
  - (4) The permission for the administration of any of the medications authorized under subsection (1)(a) of this section shall be effective for the school year in which it is granted and shall be renewed each following school year upon fulfilling the requirements of subsections (2) through (3) of this section.
  - (5) The requirements of this section shall apply only to schools that have an adult employee or enrolled student who has a seizure disorder, a seizure rescue medication or medication prescribed to treat seizure disorder symptoms approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration and any successor agency prescribed by the student's health care provider.
  - SECTION 3. A school district, school district employee or agent acting in good faith and in substantial compliance with the student's individual health plan and the instructions of the student's licensed health care professional, that provides assistance or services under this act shall be immune from

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- 77 criminal prosecution and shall not be liable in any criminal
- 78 action for civil damages in his or her individual, marital,
- 79 governmental, corporate or other capacities as a result of the
- 80 services provided under this act to students with epilepsy or
- 81 seizure disorders.
- 82 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 83 and after July 1, 2024.