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To: Public Health and
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SENATE BILL NO. 2150

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2025, EACH PUBLIC
2 SCHOOL BOARD SHALL HAVE AT LEAST ONE EMPLOYEE OR VENDOR AT EACH
3 SCHOOL WHO HAS MET THE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO
4 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 EPILEPSY FOUNDATION
7 OF AMERICA OR SIMILAR SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION; 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
14 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR; TO EXEMPT SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ACTING IN GOOD
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; TO PROVIDE THAT WITHIN
18 THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, PATIENTS WITH A DIAGNOSIS OF EPILEPSY OR
19 SEIZURE DISORDER SHALL BE ALLOWED OPEN ACCESS TO AND COVERAGE OF
20 ALL FDA-APPROVED ANTI-SEIZURE MEDICATIONS BY PRIVATE HEALTH
21 INSURERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

23 **SECTION 1.** As used in this act, the term "seizure action
24 plan" means a written, individualized health plan designed to
25 acknowledge and prepare for the health care needs of a student or
26 employee diagnosed with a seizure disorder.



27 SECTION 2. (1) (a) Beginning on July 1, 2025, the local
28 school board of each public school district shall have at least
29 one (1) school employee or vendor at each school who has met the
30 training requirements necessary to administer or assist with the
31 self-administration of a seizure rescue medication or medication
32 prescribed to treat seizure disorder symptoms as approved by the
33 United States Food and Drug Administration and any successor
34 agency.

35 (b) For those assigned the duties under paragraph (a)
36 of this subsection, the training provided shall include
37 instructions in administering seizure medications as well as the
38 recognition of the signs and symptoms of seizures and the
39 appropriate steps to be taken to respond to these symptoms.

40 (c) The presence of a registered nurse employed full
41 time by a school who assumes responsibility for the administration
42 of seizure medications may fulfill requirements of paragraphs (a)
43 and (b) of this subsection.

44 (d) The Mississippi Department of Education shall
45 provide webinar training at no cost and shall make such training
46 available to all public and charter schools in the state. Public
47 and charter schools shall provide training to all relevant
48 personnel who have direct contact and supervision of children, on
49 the recognition of the signs and symptoms of seizures and the
50 appropriate steps for seizure first aid.



51 (e) A local school district shall be permitted to use
52 any adequate and appropriate training program or guidelines for
53 training of school personnel in the seizure disorder care tasks
54 covered under this section.

55 (2) (a) Before administering a seizure rescue medication or
56 medication prescribed to treat seizure disorder symptoms, the
57 student's parent, guardian or responsible adult shall:

58 (i) Provide the school with a written
59 authorization to administer the medication at school;

60 (ii) Provide a written statement from the person's
61 health care practitioner, which shall contain the following
62 information:

63 1. Full name;
64 2. The name and purpose of the medication;
65 3. The prescribed dosage;
66 4. The route of administration;
67 5. The frequency that the medication may be
68 administered; and

69 6. The circumstances under which the
70 medication may be administered;

71 (iii) Provide the prescribed medication to the
72 school in its unopened, sealed package with the label affixed by
73 the dispensing pharmacy intact.



74 (b) In addition to the statements required in paragraph
75 (a) of this subsection, the parent or guardian, or adult shall
76 collaborate with school personnel to create a seizure action plan.

77 (3) The statements and seizure action plan required in
78 subsection (2) of this section shall be kept on file in the office
79 of the school nurse or school administrator.

80 (4) The permission for the administration of any of the
81 medications authorized under subsection (1)(a) of this section
82 shall be effective for the school year in which it is granted and
83 shall be renewed each following school year upon fulfilling the
84 requirements of subsections (2) through (4) of this section.

85 (5) The requirements of this section shall apply only to
86 schools that have an adult employee or enrolled student who has a
87 seizure disorder, a seizure rescue medication or medication
88 prescribed to treat seizure disorder symptoms approved by the
89 United States Food and Drug Administration and any successor
90 agency prescribed by the student's health care provider.

91 **SECTION 3.** A school district, school district employee or
92 agent acting in good faith and in substantial compliance with the
93 student's individual health plan and the instructions of the
94 student's licensed health care professional, that provides
95 assistance or services under this act shall be immune from
96 criminal prosecution and shall not be liable in any criminal
97 action for civil damages in his or her individual, marital,
98 governmental, corporate or other capacities as a result of the



99 services provided under this act to students with epilepsy or
100 seizure disorders.

101 **SECTION 4.** Within the State of Mississippi, patients with a
102 diagnosis of epilepsy or seizure disorder shall be allowed open
103 access to and coverage of all FDA-approved anti-seizure
104 medications by private health insurers.

105 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
106 and after July 1, 2024.

