

P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 205, *approved January 12, 2026*
Senate, No. 2376 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the care of students with epilepsy and seizure
2 disorders and amending P.L.2019, c.290.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 2 of P.L.2019, c.290 (C.18A:40-12.35) is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 2. a. The parent or guardian of a student with epilepsy or a
10 seizure disorder who seeks epilepsy or seizure disorder care while
11 at school shall submit annually to the school nurse the student's
12 seizure action plan. The school nurse shall develop an
13 individualized health care plan and an individualized emergency
14 health care plan for the student, provided that the parents or
15 guardians of the student annually provide to the board of education
16 written authorization for the provision of epilepsy or seizure
17 disorder care.

18 b. The individualized health care plan and individualized
19 emergency health care plan developed in accordance with
20 subsection a. of this section shall be updated by the school nurse
21 annually and as necessary in the event that there is a change in the
22 health status of the student.

23 c. Each individualized health care plan shall include, and each
24 individualized emergency health care plan may include, the
25 following information:

26 (1) written orders from the student's physician or advanced
27 practice nurse outlining the epilepsy or seizure disorder care;

28 (2) the symptoms of the epilepsy or seizure disorder for that
29 particular student and recommended care;

30 (3) full participation in exercise and sports, and any
31 contraindications to exercise, or accommodations that must be made
32 for that particular student;

33 (4) accommodations for school trips, after-school activities,
34 class parties, and other school-related activities;

35 (5) education of all school personnel about epilepsy and seizure
36 disorders, how to recognize and provide care for epilepsy and
37 seizure disorders, and when to call for assistance;

38 (6) medical and treatment issues that may affect the educational
39 process of the student with epilepsy or the seizure disorder;

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SED committee amendments adopted September 30, 2024.

1 (7) the student's ability to manage, and the student's level of
2 understanding of, the student's epilepsy or seizure disorder; and

3 (8) how to maintain communication with the student, the
4 student's parent or guardian and health care team, the school nurse,
5 and the educational staff.

6 d. (1) The board of education shall coordinate the provision of
7 epilepsy and seizure disorder care at the school and ensure that all
8 staff are trained every 'two' five years in the care of students
9 with epilepsy and seizure disorders, including staff working with
10 school-sponsored programs outside of the regular school day.

11 (2) The training that is required every 'two' five years
12 pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection shall include a
13 Department of Health-approved on-line or in-person course of
14 instruction provided by a nonprofit national organization that
15 supports the welfare of individuals with epilepsy and seizure
16 disorders.

17 (cf: P.L.2019, c.290, s.2)

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19 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the first full
20 school year following the date of enactment.

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25 Requires boards of education to ensure that all staff are trained in
26 care of students with epilepsy and seizure disorders every five
27 years.