

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021
COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)
LB639

Hearing Date: Monday March 01, 2021
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Day
One Liner: Adopt the Seizure Safe Schools Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Day, Linehan, Morfeld, McKinney, Pansing Brooks, Sanders, Walz
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting: 1 Senator Murman

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Jen Day
Nicole Hochstein
Crista Eggers
Jennifer Cordes
Robyn Griffin-Mixan
Lillie Mixan
Ruby Cordes
Kristi Berst

Representing:

Introducer
Self
Self
Self
Self
Self
Self
Epilepsy Foundation of Nebraska

Opponents:

Colby Coash

Representing:

NASB

Neutral:

Representing:

Submitted Written Testimony:

Proponents:

Opponents:

Jeremy Ekeler

Representing:

Representing:

Nebraska Catholic Conference

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Section 1. Creates the Seizure Safe Schools Act

Section 2. Defines Seizure action plan as a written, individualized health plan designed to acknowledge and prepare for the health care needs of a student diagnosed with a seizure disorder.

Section 3. Requires each school board and governing body of each private, denominational, or parochial school to have at least one employee who has met training requirements necessary to administer or assist with self-administration of a seizure rescue medication as approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration. This section includes minimum requirements for training under this act.

Before medication can be administered under this act the school must receive:

- Written authorization from a parent or guardian to administer medication.
- Written statement from the student's health care practitioner with the student's name, name and purpose of medication, prescribed dosage, route of administration, frequency of administration, and circumstances for administration.
- Method for providing school with medication.
- Collaboration to create a seizure action plan.

Seizure action plan shall be kept on file and distributed to school personnel or volunteers responsible for the supervision or care of the student and shall be renewed each school year.

Section 4. Each employee shall participate in one hour of self-study review of seizure disorder materials in addition to any other professional development and collegial planning activities for certificated school employees.

Section 5. Such student shall be permitted to possess the equipment and medication necessary to treat a seizure disorder in accordance with their plan.

Section 6. Provides teachers protections under this act.

Explanation of amendments:

AM541 clarifies language to show that these requirements are being placed on public schools as well as all private, denominational, and parochial schools.

In addition, it amends language in Sec. 4. to require certificated school employees to participate in a minimum of one hour of self-study review of seizure disorder materials at least once every two years beginning in school year 2022-23.

Lynne Walz, Chairperson