

SEIZURE SAFE SCHOOLS FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

Keep this sheet handy during your meeting to help answer some of the most frequently asked questions we've heard from legislators. If they ask a question that's not on this sheet and you don't know the answer, please write it down and let our staff know so we can follow-up and get them an answer.

What is the bill number?

Proposed Bill No. 6023

Who introduced the bill?

Representative Kerry Wood, 29th Dist.

What Committee was this bill referred to?

The Education Committee

Who will provide the Seizure Recognition and First-Aid Response trainings?

The Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut provides both online and in person Seizure Recognition and First-Aid Response trainings for free. The trainings last between 30-45 minutes. More in depth trainings and teacher specific trainings can be provided if requested.

Who does this legislation benefit?

This legislation will benefit students who have seizures, school personnel who need to know what to do in case of a student's seizure, and parents who worry about their children's safety in schools.

Have any other states enacted similar Seizure Safe Schools legislation?

To date, 19 states have enacted Seizure Safe Schools legislation that mandate school personnel to complete seizure recognition and first aid training, require students with epilepsy to have a Seizure Action Plan on file, and/or require administration of Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved treatments in the school setting (the laws vary by state): AL, AZ, CA, CO, FL, IL, IN, KY, LA, MD, MN, MO, NE, NJ, OK, TX, UT, VA, WA

How can I (an advocate) help?

Share your story with your lawmaker. Tell them if you have experiences with a student having seizures in school and whether or not the staff was prepared. Tell them what having this bill in place would mean to you and your family. Write a letter to the editor and share your support for the bill with your community in a local newspaper. Share about the bill on social media.

How can a lawmaker support Seizure Safe Schools?

Ask them to support the bill if they see it up for a vote.

