

PROPOSED BILL 6023: AN ACT CONCERNING SEIZURE-SAFE SCHOOLS

Bill 6023 was Introduced by Representative Kerry Wood and Referred to the Committee on Education

Recommendation

Support Bill 6023 to ensure that schools are well-equipped with the tools necessary to provide a safe and enriching environment for students living with epilepsy and seizure disorders.

Background

The legislation makes certain that school personnel are not only prepared but can recognize and respond appropriately and efficiently to the student experiencing a seizure. Even more importantly, the legislation safeguards physician-directed care in the school setting allowing students to access necessary and oftentimes life-saving medication. Lastly, by bringing awareness to the entire educational community, students living with epilepsy or a seizure disorder can feel safe in school, reach their full academic potential, and build meaningful friendships without fear of being stigmatized.

About Epilepsy

Epilepsy is a disease or disorder of the brain which causes reoccurring seizures. It is a spectrum disease comprised of many diagnoses including an ever-growing number of rare epilepsies. There are many different types of seizures and varying levels of seizure control. Epilepsy is the fourth most common neurological disorder in the country. Approximately 1 in 26 people will develop epilepsy at some point in their lifetime.

19 STATES

have passed seizure safe schools legislation to date [1]

35,900 PEOPLE

are living with epilepsy in Connecticut [2]

48.2% on average, of lead health education teachers in secondary schools wanted professional development on epilepsy or seizures [3]

23.4% on average, of lead health education teachers in secondary schools received professional development on epilepsy or seizures [4]

Statement of Purpose

To require training, education and planning regarding seizures to ensure the safety of children with epilepsy.

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[1] <https://www.epilepsy.com/advocacy/priorities/seizure-safe-schools>

[2] <https://www.cdc.gov/epilepsy/data/index.html>

[3] <https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/profiles/pdf/2018/CDC-Profiles-2018.pdf>

[4] <https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/profiles/pdf/2018/CDC-Profiles-2018.pdf>



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