

SEIZURE SMART SCHOOLS

HF 469 (Moller) & SF 654 (Lang)

It's estimated that 7,400 children with epilepsy live in Minnesota, a state with just over 3,000 public, private, and charter schools. Today, too many teachers and staff lack the tools and awareness they need to respond appropriately to seizures that happen at school.

This bill helps bridge the gap by requiring seizure action plans for students with epilepsy and training materials to be made available to staff.

- **Seizure action plans** created in partnership with parents and the school identifying at least one employee who is present all day and who is trained on seizure recognition, response, and administration of seizure-rescue medication.
- **Training requirements** ensure that materials are available to licensed school nurses and other staff who work with students so they have the tools needed to recognize and respond safely to seizures.

By bringing awareness of epilepsy to the education community, students living with epilepsy or a seizure disorder can feel safe in school and reach their full academic potential. Five other states have passed Seizure Smart Schools Legislation including Kentucky, Indiana, Texas, Illinois, and New Jersey. Together, we can ensure that Minnesota joins the list in 2021.

"As a parent I don't want to be scared, I don't want to worry. I want to be assured that my child's school is educated, informed, and prepared for a seizure. If Seizure Smart Schools saves one child it more than justifies the informative curriculum.

Trisha Zeller, mother to a 14-year-old with epilepsy



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