Oklahoma Seizure Safe Schools - Senate Bill 128

KEY COMPONENTS

For any school with a student enrolled with a seizure disorder and beginning January 1, 2022:

- At least one school employee must be trained to recognize signs and symptoms of seizures and appropriately respond, as well as trained to administer or assist with administering of FDA-approved seizure rescue medications or medications prescribed to treat seizures;

- A Seizure Action Plan, written authorization to administer medication, and a written statement from the student’s health care provider is required to be made part of the student’s file and distributed to any school personnel responsible for the student;

- A school employee, acting in good faith with the bill’s provisions, will not be subject to disciplinary actions or held liable; and

- A school nurse will not be subject to disciplinary actions or held liable for actions performed by a volunteer.

ABOUT THE EPILEPSIES

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. About 1 in 26 people will develop epilepsy at some point in their lifetime. There are approximately 41,100 people living with the epilepsies in Oklahoma, including 6,400 children and teens.