

To: School Superintendents, Administrators, and School Nurses

From: Stephen Balko, Director of School Building Security

Date: April 24, 2020

Re: IC 20-28-3-9 (Staff Seizure Training) and IC 20-34-3-26 (Management of Students with Seizures)

**Background:**

A bill that was passed last year, but becomes effective July 1, involves two new sections in Indiana Code regarding the care of students with seizure disorders.

**Guidance:**

These new requirements include the following:

- Per IC 20-28-3-9, each school corporation and charter school shall require all employees who have direct, ongoing contact with children to attend training concerning recognition of the signs and symptoms of seizures and the appropriate steps to be taken to respond to these symptoms.
  - This training will be required upon employment and at least once every five years.
  - The format for the training may include: in-person presentations, electronic self-review modules, individual study materials, or other methods approved by the governing body or organizer of a charter school that is consistent with current professional development standards and the training programs and guidelines developed by the Epilepsy Foundation of America or a successor organization.
- Per IC 20-34-3-26, if a school corporation or charter school receives a seizure management plan for a student that was developed by the student's health care provider, the following requirements must be met:
  - The school corporation or charter school shall maintain the seizure management and treatment plan on file at the school.
  - The school nurse shall develop an individual health plan for the student that applies to the student during the school day or while the student is participating in a school-sponsored activity.
  - A school nurse, or the school nurse's designee, shall be available to perform the tasks necessary to implement the student's individual health plan during the school day or while the student is participating in a school-sponsored activity.

Resources to implement this law, along with a FAQ document, can be found [here](#). If you have questions, please contact Jolene Bracale at [jbracale@doe.in.gov](mailto:jbracale@doe.in.gov).

This bill was authored by Rep. Jeffrey Thompson and the full bill text can be found [here](#). Information regarding how to contact your legislators can be found [here](#).