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**HB 20-1358**

# FINAL FISCAL NOTE

**Drafting Number:** LLS 20-1089  
**Prime Sponsors:** Rep. Mullica; McKean

**Date:** July 23, 2020  
**Bill Status:** Postponed Indefinitely  
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**Bill Topic:** **K-12 SEIZURE SAFE SCHOOLS**

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School District

The bill address the unique health care needs of public school students with a seizure disorder. The bill increases school district workload on an ongoing basis.

**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note Status:** This final fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

## Summary of Legislation

If a K12 school student has a diagnosed seizure disorder that might require assistance in a school setting, this bill requires that the student's legal guardian sign and submit a seizure action plan to the student's school.

Beginning September 1, 2020, and each September 1 thereafter, public schools are required to provide training on the recognition of the signs and symptoms of seizures, and the appropriate steps for seizure first aid. The training must be given to relevant school personnel who have direct contact with and supervision of students who have a seizure disorder.

Within eight weeks after enrolling a student with a seizure disorder, or following receipt of a seizure action plan, whichever is later, public schools are required to have at least one school employee who is properly trained to administer seizure treatment medications, seizure rescue medications, and other seizure related interventions. Non-public schools are encouraged to provide training and to have designated staff to administer seizure related medications and interventions.

## School District

Currently, parents and guardians are not prohibited from submitting a preferred action plan to schools and districts concerning the unique needs of their child. Schools and districts make efforts to accommodate treatment and action plans provided by parents, so long as those plans do not conflict with other district policies for the care and treatment of students with unique needs. The

bill requires that a public school who enrolls a student with a seizure disorder have staff who are properly trained to administer medication and take other appropriate actions. This fiscal note assumes this is largely current practice; however, for any school that does not have the properly trained staff, some workload or expenses are expected.

## **Effective Date**

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Education Committee on May 26, 2020.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

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