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INTRODUCED BY QUINN, PICKETT, BROOKS, THOMAS, HOWARD AND WARREN,  
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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An  
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain  
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial  
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the  
5 laws relating thereto," in school health services, providing  
6 for seizure recognition and related first aid training.

7 This act may be referred to as the DOMinate Epilepsy Law.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known  
11 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a  
12 section to read:

13 Section 1414.11. Seizure Recognition and Related First Aid  
14 Training.--(a) Beginning with the school year 2021-2022 and  
15 each year thereafter:

16 (1) A school nurse may complete a Department of Health  
17 approved online course of instruction or in-person training for  
18 school nurses regarding management of a student with seizures  
19 that includes information about seizure recognition, a seizure  
20 action plan and related first aid.

1     (2) A professional employe of a school entity, other than a  
2 school nurse, whose duties at the school entity include direct  
3 contact with students may complete a Department of Health online  
4 course of instruction or in-person training regarding awareness  
5 of a student with seizures that includes information about  
6 seizure recognition and related first aid.

7     (3) Training under this section shall be provided at no cost  
8 and credited toward a professional educator's continuing  
9 professional education requirement under section 1205.2, any  
10 staff development requirements for paraprofessionals under 22  
11 Pa. Code § 14.105 (relating to personnel) and a school or system  
12 leader's continuing professional education requirement under  
13 section 1205.5.

14     (4) Completion of seizure disorder training shall not be  
15 construed to obligate a professional employe to administer  
16 medication or provide medical care to a student with a seizure  
17 disorder.

18     (5) A professional employe acting in good faith and within  
19 the scope of the authority provided under this section shall not  
20 be liable for civil damages as a result of an act or omission in  
21 the course of any training or related first aid under this  
22 section.

23     (6) The Department of Health, in consultation with the  
24 Department of Education, shall identify, develop or approve an  
25 online course of instruction or in-person training provided by a  
26 nonprofit national foundation no later than June 30, 2021, that  
27 supports the welfare of individuals with epilepsy and seizure  
28 disorders to satisfy the training required under this section.

29     (7) The Department of Health, in consultation with the  
30 Department of Education, shall adopt guidelines to administer

1 this section.

2 (b) For purposes of this section, the following terms shall  
3 have the following meanings:

4 "Professional employe." The term shall have the meaning  
5 given in section 1101.

6 "School entity." A school district, intermediate unit, area  
7 career and technical school, charter school, cyber charter  
8 school or regional charter school.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.