

# INTRODUCING SARAH'S LAW FOR SEIZURE SAFE SCHOOLS

Sarah's Law, passed 07/03/2023, now requires:

- School nurse(s) or other school employees to work with a student's guardians to create an individualized seizure action plan for each student who has an active seizure disorder diagnosis.
- School nurse(s) or other school employees will notify school employees and volunteers who regularly interact with the student, is responsible for the direct supervision of the student, and those responsible for transportation of the student to and from school, in writing regarding the existence and content of each seizure action plan.
- School nurse(s) or other school employees will coordinate seizure first aid at the school and ensure that all staff who interact with students with epilepsy are trained in the care of students with seizure disorders.
- The seizure action plan must be renewed each year and must be kept in the office of the school nurse or school administrator.
- School districts or governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school must designate at least one employee at each school building, aside from the school nurse, to be trained in the implementation of seizure action plans every two years. They must also arrange for the training of the employees. This can be coordinated with Epilepsy Alliance Ohio or other similar organizations as determined by the Department of Education.
- Board of education or governing authority shall require each person it employs as administrator, guidance counselor, teacher, or bus driver to complete a minimum of one hour of self-study training or in person training on seizure disorders no later than 24 months after the effective date of this section. New hires would have within 90 days of employment.
- For more information on the full bill, please visit [www.epilepsy-ohio.org](http://www.epilepsy-ohio.org)