

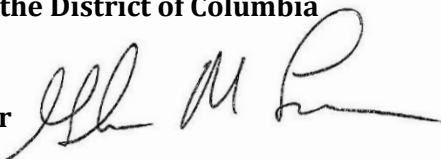
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: October 21, 2024

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Seizure Safe Schools Amendment Act of 2024

REFERENCE: Bill 25-571, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on October 8, 2024

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill requires¹ the responsible person² to submit a seizure action plan to schools for students diagnosed with a seizure disorder. These action plans are written, individualized health plans designed to acknowledge and prepare for the health care needs of a student. Each seizure action plan must include a written statement or authorization signed by the student's health care provider, a written authorization signed by the responsible person, and a written acknowledgment that the District, a school, or an employee or agent of a school who has received training in the administration of seizure medication shall be immune from civil liability for the good-faith performance of responsibilities.

The bill requires the Department of Health (DC Health) to offer voluntary training three times a year to school personnel on the administration and self-administration of seizure medication. The training

¹ By amending The Student Access to Treatment Act of 2007, effective February 2, 2008 (D.C. Law 17-107; D.C. Official Code § 38-651.01 et seq.).

² Responsible person means, in the case of a student under 18 years of age, a parent, legal guardian, legal custodian, foster parent, or other adult charged with the ongoing care and supervision of the student, and, in the case of a student 18 years of age or older, the student himself or herself.

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must also address how to identify seizure symptoms and appropriate steps to respond to symptoms. Schools must notify school personnel who have direct contact with a student with a seizure action plan that training is offered by DC Health.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. DC Health can provide voluntary training sessions on the administration of seizure medication with current resources. The agency's administration of medication training already covers identifying seizure symptoms and appropriate steps to respond to symptoms. DC Health already has available on its website³ a standardized seizure action plan for students and their caregivers to use. No additional resources are required to implement the bill.

³ See: [Seizure Action Plan](#)