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S.B. No. 1044

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to training requirements for public school nurses and
3 certain other school personnel regarding seizure recognition and
4 related first aid.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as Sam's Law.

7 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 38, Education Code, is
8 amended by adding Section 38.032 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 38.032. SEIZURE RECOGNITION AND RELATED FIRST AID
10 TRAINING. (a) A school nurse employed by a school district must
11 complete an agency-approved online course of instruction for school
12 nurses regarding managing students with seizures that includes
13 information about seizure recognition and related first aid.

14 (b) A school district employee, other than a school nurse,
15 whose duties at the school include regular contact with students
16 must complete an agency-approved online course of instruction for
17 school personnel regarding awareness of students with seizures that
18 includes information about seizure recognition and related first
19 aid.

20 (c) The agency may approve an online course of instruction
21 provided by a nonprofit national foundation that supports the
22 welfare of individuals with epilepsy and seizure disorders to
23 satisfy the training required under Subsection (a) or (b).

24 (d) The agency shall adopt rules as necessary to administer

1 this section.

2 SECTION 3. Not later than December 1, 2019, the Texas
3 Education Agency shall approve online courses of instruction to
4 satisfy the training requirements of Section 38.032, Education
5 Code, as added by this Act.

6 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies
7 beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

8 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.