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# H. R. 2151

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to authorize a grant program to support students who have epilepsy or a seizure disorder.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NORCROSS (for himself, Mr. COSTA, and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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## A BILL

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to authorize a grant program to support students who have epilepsy or a seizure disorder.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Seizure Awareness and  
5 Preparedness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT STUDENTS WHO**  
2 **HAVE EPILEPSY OR A SEIZURE DISORDER.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title IV of the Elementary and  
4 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7101 et  
5 seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 **“PART G—GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT STU-**  
7 **DENTS WHO HAVE EPILEPSY OR A SEIZURE**  
8 **DISORDER**

9 **“SEC. 4701. GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT STUDENTS WHO**  
10 **HAVE EPILEPSY OR A SEIZURE DISORDER.**

11 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 “(1) INDIVIDUALIZED EMERGENCY HEALTH  
13 CARE PLAN.—The term ‘individualized emergency  
14 health care plan’ means a document developed by a  
15 student’s health care provider, in consultation with  
16 the parent of a student with epilepsy or a seizure  
17 disorder, other appropriate medical professionals  
18 who may be providing epilepsy or seizure disorder  
19 care to the student, and the school nurse, which out-  
20 lines a set of procedural guidelines that provide spe-  
21 cific directions about what to do in a particular  
22 emergency situation and is signed by the health care  
23 provider, the parent, and the school nurse.

24 “(2) INDIVIDUALIZED HEALTH CARE PLAN.—  
25 The term ‘individualized health care plan’ means a  
26 document developed by a student’s health care pro-

1 vider, in consultation with the parent of a student  
2 with epilepsy or a seizure disorder, other appropriate  
3 medical professionals who may be providing epilepsy  
4 or seizure disorder care to the student, and the  
5 school nurse, which is consistent with the rec-  
6 ommendations of the student’s health care provider  
7 and which sets out the health services needed by the  
8 student at school and is signed by the health care  
9 provider, the parent, and the school nurse.

10 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF GRANT PROGRAM.—The  
11 Secretary shall award grants to States, on a competitive  
12 basis, to enable the States to award subgrants to local  
13 educational agencies to carry out a program that supports  
14 students with epilepsy and seizure disorders in schools.

15 “(c) APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS.—A State that de-  
16 sires to receive a grant under this section shall submit an  
17 application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner,  
18 and accompanied by such information as the Secretary  
19 may require.

20 “(d) SUBGRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State that receives a  
22 grant under this section shall use the grant funds to  
23 award subgrants to local educational agencies to en-  
24 able the local educational agencies to carry out a  
25 program that funds training of school personnel on

1 seizure awareness and preparedness that covers indi-  
2 vidualized health care plans and individualized emer-  
3 gency health care plans for students who have epi-  
4 lepsy or a seizure disorder.

5 “(2) APPLICATIONS FOR SUBGRANTS.—A local  
6 educational agency that desires to receive a subgrant  
7 under this subsection shall submit an application to  
8 the State at such time, in such manner, and accom-  
9 panied by such information as the State may re-  
10 quire.

11 “(3) USE OF SUBGRANT FUNDS.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

13 “(i) REQUIRED USE.—A local edu-  
14 cational agency that receives a subgrant  
15 under this subsection shall use the  
16 subgrant funds to carry out a program in  
17 the elementary schools and secondary  
18 schools served by such agency to fund  
19 training of school personnel on seizure  
20 awareness and preparedness that covers in-  
21 dividualized health care plans and individ-  
22 ualized emergency health care plans for  
23 students who have epilepsy or a seizure  
24 disorder.

1           “(ii) PERMISSIVE USES.—A local edu-  
2           cational agency that receives a subgrant  
3           under this subsection may use the  
4           subgrant funds for—

5                   “(I) training of school personnel  
6                   to administer or assist with the ad-  
7                   ministration of seizure medications;

8                   “(II) training and education of  
9                   students on seizure awareness and  
10                  preparedness;

11                  “(III) recruiting, hiring, and re-  
12                  taining dedicated compliance staff  
13                  who are responsible for ensuring that  
14                  all training and program requirements  
15                  related to seizure awareness, pre-  
16                  paredness, and management are con-  
17                  sistently met; and

18                  “(IV) other activities or pro-  
19                  grams determined appropriate by the  
20                  Secretary.

21           “(B) INFORMATION INCLUDED.—It is rec-  
22           ommended that each individualized health care  
23           plan and each individualized emergency health  
24           care plan include the following information:

1           “(i) Written orders from the student’s  
2           physician or advanced practice nurse out-  
3           lining the epilepsy or seizure disorder care.

4           “(ii) The symptoms of the epilepsy or  
5           seizure disorder for that particular student  
6           and recommended care.

7           “(iii) Full participation in exercise  
8           and sports, and any contraindications to  
9           exercise, or accommodations that shall be  
10          made for that particular student.

11          “(iv) Accommodations for school trips,  
12          after-school activities, class parties, and  
13          other school-related activities.

14          “(v) Education of all school personnel  
15          about epilepsy and seizure disorders, how  
16          to recognize and provide care for epilepsy  
17          and seizure disorders, and when to call for  
18          assistance.

19          “(vi) Medical and treatment issues  
20          that may affect the educational process of  
21          the student with epilepsy or the seizure  
22          disorder.

23          “(vii) The student’s ability to manage,  
24          and the student’s level of understanding of,  
25          the student’s epilepsy or seizure disorder.

1           “(viii) How to maintain communica-  
2           tion with the student, the student’s parent  
3           and health care team, the educational  
4           staff, and the school nurse.

5           “(C) TRAINING REQUIRED.—

6           “(i) IN GENERAL.—Each local edu-  
7           cational agency carrying out a program  
8           supported with subgrant funds shall ensure  
9           that the school nurse assigned to a par-  
10          ticular elementary school or secondary  
11          school supported by the program—

12                   “(I) coordinates the provision of  
13                   epilepsy and seizure disorder care at  
14                   such school; and

15                   “(II) ensures that all staff are  
16                   trained not less often than every 2  
17                   years in the care of students with epi-  
18                   lepsy and seizure disorders, including  
19                   staff working with school-sponsored  
20                   programs outside of the regular school  
21                   day, as provided in individualized  
22                   health care plans and individualized  
23                   emergency health care plans.

24                   “(ii) INSTRUCTION.—The training re-  
25                   quired under clause (i) shall include a De-

1           partment of Education-approved on-line or  
2           in-person course of instruction provided by  
3           1 or more nonprofit national organizations  
4           that support the welfare of individuals with  
5           epilepsy and seizure disorders.

6           “(D) SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS.—Each local  
7           educational agency carrying out a program sup-  
8           ported with subgrant funds shall ensure that  
9           each school bus driver who transports a student  
10          with epilepsy or a seizure disorder receives no-  
11          tice of the student’s condition, information on  
12          how to provide care for epilepsy or the seizure  
13          disorder, emergency contact information, epi-  
14          lepsy and seizure disorder recognition and first  
15          aid training, and parent contact information.

16          “(E) RELEASE.—Each local educational  
17          agency carrying out a program supported with  
18          subgrant funds shall ensure that the school  
19          nurse assigned to a particular elementary  
20          school or secondary school supported by the  
21          program obtains a release from each parent of  
22          a student with epilepsy or a seizure disorder  
23          who requests an individualized health care plan  
24          or an individualized emergency health care plan,  
25          to authorize the sharing of medical information

1 between the student’s physician or advanced  
2 practice nurse and other health care providers.

3 “(F) NO LIABILITY.—No school employee,  
4 including a school nurse, a school bus driver, a  
5 school bus aide, or any other officer or agent of  
6 a local educational agency, shall be held liable  
7 for any good faith act or omission consistent  
8 with the provisions of this section. Good faith  
9 shall not include willful misconduct, gross neg-  
10 ligence, or recklessness.

11 “(e) SUPPLEMENT; NOT SUPPLANT.—Grant and  
12 subgrant funds provided under this section shall be used  
13 to supplement, not supplant, other Federal or State funds  
14 available to carry out activities described in this section.

15 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
16 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
17 \$34,500,000 for the period of fiscal years 2026 through  
18 2030.”.

19 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents in  
20 section 2 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act  
21 of 1965 is amended by inserting after the item relating  
22 to section 4644 the following new items:

“PART G—GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT STUDENTS WHO HAVE EPILEPSY  
OR A SEIZURE DISORDER

“Sec. 4701. Grant program to support students who have epilepsy or a seizure  
disorder.”.

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