



## SEIZURE SMART SCHOOLS HF 1422 (Baker) & SF 1953 (Lang)

Epilepsy is a medical condition that produces seizures affecting a variety of mental and physical functions. It is the 4<sup>th</sup> most common neurological disorder and affects people of all ages. Approximately 1 in 26 people will develop epilepsy at some point in their lifetime. Over 3.4 million Americans are currently living with epilepsy and seizures. Of the 3.4 million, there are 470,000 children living with epilepsy in the U.S. and it's estimated that 7,400 of those children live in Minnesota. For students with epilepsy, it's important that school staff are well-equipped with the tools and knowledge to provide a safe and enriching environment.

**There are three components to this legislation:**

- Identified school personnel complete seizure recognition and first-aid response training;**
- Students have a Seizure Action Plan in place and available to school personnel responsible for the student; and**
- Prescribed medication, including rescue medication, is administered to students with epilepsy by a trained nurse or other staff member.**

Despite the prevalence, epilepsy is still highly misunderstood by the public and stigmatized. By bringing awareness to the educational community, students living with epilepsy or a seizure disorder can feel safe in school and reach their full academic potential.

