

HB 2588 -- WILL'S LAW

SPONSOR: Beck

This bill establishes "Will's Law" relating to "individualized health care plans" developed by school district nurses, along with a student's parent or guardian, and appropriate medical professionals that address procedural guidelines, and specific directions for particular emergency situations relating to the student's epilepsy or seizure disorder. Plans should be updated at the beginning of each school year and as necessary if there is a change in the health status of the student. Details for the plans are provided in the bill, and include notice to any school employee that may interact with the student, symptoms of the epilepsy or seizure disorder, and any medical and treatment issues that may affect the educational process.

The bill requires all school employees to be trained every two years in the care of students with epilepsy and seizure disorders. Training shall include an online or in-person course of instruction approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

The bill outlines procedures for the school nurse and the district relating to HIPAA medical releases, and protects school employees from being held liable for any good faith act or omission while performing their duties.

This bill includes an emergency clause.