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**Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #311-21**

DATE: November 19, 2021
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Seizure Training Requirements for School Personnel**

The 2021 Virginia General Assembly passed [SB 1322](#) (DeSteph) which addresses seizure management and training of school personnel for students with a known seizure disorder. In addition to setting parameters related to seizure management plans, this legislation directs each local school division to require biennial training of all school nurses on the treatment of students with seizures and seizure disorders, using a Virginia Board of Education-approved course of instruction for school nurses. It also requires each local school division to require biennial training of all school employees who have direct student contact on the treatment of students with seizures and seizure disorders, using a Board of Education-approved course of instruction for school employees.

At its October 2021 meeting, the Board of Education approved the Training Programs for the Treatment of Students with a Seizure Disorder developed by the Epilepsy Foundation of America. The approved training programs may be accessed on the [School Health Services webpage](#).

For more information

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