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## BULLETIN NO. 067-21 STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & SUPPORT

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents  
School District Superintendents  
School District Business Managers  
Public Charter Schools  
Tribal Compact Schools  
School District Directors  
School Nurse Supervisors

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Substitute House Bill 1085, an Act Relating to Promoting a Safe Learning Environment for Students with Seizure Disorders

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## PURPOSE

The 2021 Washington State Legislature enacted [substitute house bill \(SHB\) 1085](#), an act relating to promoting a safe learning environment for students with seizure disorders. This bill updates [RCW 28A.210.260](#) and [228A.210.350](#); adds a new section to chapter 28A.210 RCW; and adds a new section to chapter 28A.235 RCW.

Effective July 25, 2021, SHB 1085 amends RCW 28A.210.260 Public and private schools—Administration of medication—Conditions, to clarify administration and delegation of medications, removing language requiring a school nurse to administer nasal spray when on the premises, and summoning emergency medical services when nasal spray is administered by unlicensed school personnel. Additionally, this bill prohibits parent designated adult (PDA) policy that permits a nurse to delegate nursing tasks to PDAs who are not school employees and outlines the function of a PDA as outside the supervision of the school nurse. SHB 1085 further requires the [Washington State School Directors' Association](#), to create a model policy and procedure, in consultation with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, by December 15, 2021.

Effective for the 2022–23 school year, a new section of RCW 28A.210 requires school districts to adopt policies which address:

- Parent requests and instructions
- Orders from a Licensed Health Care Provider
- Storage of equipment and medications provided by parents
- Policy exceptions necessary to accommodate the needs of students with epilepsy or seizure disorders
- Development and distribution of an individualized health plan and emergency care plan for students with epilepsy and seizure disorders, to be updated annually
- Parent-designated adults: legal documents and training

This section also allows training for school personnel to be provided by a national epilepsy organization that offers seizure training and education for school nurses. Parent Designated Adults must show evidence of comparable training in proper procedures for care of students with epilepsy or other seizure disorders which may also be provided by a national epilepsy organization that offers seizure training and education for school nurses.

## INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

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