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SYNOPSIS

Requires DOH to update epilepsy website and increase public outreach efforts.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning epilepsy and public outreach efforts, and
2 supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. The Department of Health shall compile or develop
8 information about epilepsy, including the diverse manifestations of
9 the disease, the various types of seizures, the frequency with which
10 they typically occur, and treatment options. The department shall
11 make such information available on its dedicated Epilepsy website,
12 and shall maintain and periodically update the website as needed.

13 b. The department shall increase its public outreach efforts
14 through the development, delivery, and dissemination of
15 informational programs and materials, including information on
16 seizure recognition, to first responders, health care professionals,
17 teachers and other school district personnel, parents, and the general
18 public in order to raise awareness of epilepsy in the State.

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20 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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25 This bill provides that the Department of Health (DOH) maintain
26 and periodically update its Epilepsy website, and include on it
27 certain information about epilepsy, to be compiled or developed by
28 DOH, including the diverse manifestations of the disease, the
29 various types of seizures, the frequency with which they typically
30 occur, and treatment options.

31 The bill also provides that the DOH increase its public outreach
32 efforts through the development, delivery, and dissemination of
33 informational programs and materials, including information on
34 how to recognize seizures, to first responders, health care
35 professionals, teachers, and other school district personnel, parents,
36 and the general public.

37 The purpose of the bill is to raise epilepsy awareness in the State
38 by ensuring that relevant information is available via the DOH's
39 Epilepsy website, and through appropriately targeted public
40 outreach efforts.