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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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1/25/2017 House Referred to Committee on **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 36](file:///h:\hj\20170125.docx))

2/15/2017 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Knight

3/2/2017 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 2](file:///h:\hj\20170302.docx))

3/3/2017 Scrivener's error corrected

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3/7/2017 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 23](file:///h:\hj\20170307.docx))

3/7/2017 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 23](file:///h:\hj\20170307.docx))

3/7/2017 House Roll call Yeas‑93 Nays‑6 ([House Journal‑page 25](file:///h:\hj\20170307.docx))

3/8/2017 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 7](file:///h:\hj\20170308.docx))

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4/25/2017 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Medical Affairs** ([Senate Journal‑page 16](file:///h:\sj\20170425.docx))

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4/27/2017 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 61](file:///h:\sj\20170427.docx))

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(A125, R60, H3587)

**A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE “SEIZURE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS STUDY COMMITTEE” TO EXAMINE ISSUES RELATED TO EPILEPSY AND SEIZURE SAFETY AWARENESS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP, DUTIES, STAFFING, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE, AND TO PROVIDE ITS MEMBERS SHALL SERVE WITHOUT MILEAGE, PER DIEM, SUBSISTENCE, OR OTHER COMPENSATION.**

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly finds that approximately 326,000 American children under the age of fifteen have epilepsy; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly finds thousands of South Carolina students, families, teachers, school administrators, and staff are impacted by students who have epilepsy; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly finds an understanding of epilepsy, seizures, seizure responses, and academic support is necessary to ensure the safety and educational achievement of students who have epilepsy. Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Creation, composition, duties, miscellaneous**

SECTION 1. (A) There is created the “Seizure Safety in Schools Study Committee.” The study committee shall review information concerning:

(1) the state of epilepsy awareness among public school teachers, staff, and administrators;

(2) basic training in seizure response appropriate for public school teachers, staff, and administrators;

(3) existing laws, regulations, and policies affecting epilepsy and seizure safety in public schools; and

(4) other areas related to epilepsy and seizure safety in public schools that the committee considers necessary and relevant to its work.

(B) The study committee must be composed of fourteen members, consisting of the following:

(1) the Chairperson of the House of Representatives Committee on Education and Public Works or his designee;

(2) the Chairperson of the Senate Education Committee or his designee;

(3) the Chairperson of the House of Representatives Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee or his designee;

(4) the Chairperson of the Senate Medical Affairs Committee or his designee;

(5) a member of the South Carolina Board of Nursing appointed by the board;

(6) a public school nurse appointed by the South Carolina Board of Nursing;

(7) a member of the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners appointed by the board;

(8) a physician who practices pediatric neurology appointed by the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners;

(9) a teacher appointed by the State Superintendent of Education;

(10) the Director of the Department of Health and Environmental Control or his designee;

(11) a public school administrator, appointed by the Governor, who shall serve as committee chair;

(12) a director of a children’s hospital appointed by the Governor;

(13) a parent of a public school student with a seizure disorder appointed by the Governor; and

(14) a representative from a statewide organization that supports families of children who have special medical needs appointed by the Governor.

(C) The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall provide staffing for the study committee.

(D) Members of the study committee shall serve without mileage, per diem, subsistence, or other compensation.

(E) Before January 31, 2018, the study committee shall make a report of the committee’s recommendations to the General Assembly at which time the study committee must be dissolved.

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 9th day of May, 2017.

Approved the 10th day of May, 2017.

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