

Testimony for HB 5303

Dear CT Committee on Children,

As a health care professional involved in the care of many children for nearly 20 years, and having served as a physical therapist in a secondary school system, I feel it needs to be recognized that all people should come together for the health and wellness of all children in our school systems.

Children who suffer from seizure disorder, also known as epilepsy, often require medicine administered immediately in order to stop the seizure and prevent injury and/or death. Currently, only RNs in schools are allowed to administer this medicine (Diastat). However, if a nurse is not available, then 911 must be called as the child suffers, instead of someone else being allowed to administer the Diastat and stop the seizure.

Parents need to feel that their children are safe at school. Without backup when the school nurse is not immediately available, schools are putting children with seizure disorder at risk of injury and even death.

I highly recommend that you pass bill HB 5303 as it clearly seeks to protect children who are already vulnerable.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

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