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Introduced by Sen. MANNION -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to allowing for unlicensed personnel to administer seizure rescue medication

**The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:**

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 921 of the education law, as added  
2 by chapter 423 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:  
3 1. The board of education or trustees of each school district and  
4 board of cooperative educational services and nonpublic schools are  
5 authorized, but not obligated to have licensed registered professional  
6 nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and physicians train  
7 unlicensed school personnel to inject prescribed glucagon or epinephrine  
8 auto injectors, **or administer diazepam or midazolam nasal spray** in emer-  
9 gency situations, where an appropriately licensed health professional is  
10 not available, to pupils who have the written permission of a physician  
11 or other duly authorized health care provider for the administration of  
12 injectable glucagon [or], emergency epinephrine auto injector, **or**  
13 **diazepam or midazolam nasal spray**, along with written parental consent,  
14 during the school day on school property and at any school function as  
15 such terms are defined, respectively, by subdivisions one and two of  
16 section eleven of this chapter. Training must be provided by a physician  
17 or other duly authorized licensed health care professional in a compe-  
18 tent manner and must be completed in a form and manner prescribed by the  
19 commissioner in regulation.  
20 § 2. The education law is amended by adding two new sections 902-c and  
21 916-c to read as follows:  
22 **§ 902-c. Treatment of students diagnosed with epilepsy by school**  
23 **personnel. 1. Licensed nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assist-**

24 ants, or physicians employed by school districts or boards of cooper-  
25 ative educational services shall be authorized to administer prescribed

EXPLANATION--Matter in **italics** (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 diazepam or midazolam nasal spray, to teach an unlicensed person to  
2 administer a diazepam or midazolam nasal spray to an individual, and to  
3 perform other authorized services pursuant to the scope of practice of  
4 the licensed individual under title eight of this chapter, to pupils who  
5 have received written permission by a physician or other licensed health  
6 care provider and written parental consent to carry and use a diazepam  
7 or midazolam nasal spray pursuant to section nine hundred sixteen-c of  
8 this article during the school day on school property and at any school  
9 function. Nothing in this section shall authorize unlicensed persons to  
10 perform these services except as otherwise permitted by section nine  
11 hundred twenty-one of this article.  
12 2. A school district, board of cooperative educational services and/or  
13 their agents or employees shall incur no legal or financial liability as  
14 a result of any harm or injury sustained by a pupil or other person  
15 caused by reasonable and good faith compliance with this section.  
16 § 916-c. Pupils with epilepsy. 1. The board of education or trustees  
17 of each school district and board of cooperative educational services  
18 shall allow pupils who have been diagnosed by a physician or other duly  
19 authorized health care provider with epilepsy to carry and use a  
20 prescribed nasal spray for the emergency treatment of seizures during  
21 the school day on school property and at any school function with the  
22 written permission of a physician or other duly authorized health care  
23 provider, and written parental consent. The written permission shall  
24 include an attestation by such physician or health care provider  
25 confirming: (a) the pupil's diagnosis of epilepsy for which a diazepam  
26 or midazolam nasal spray is needed; and (b) that the pupil has demon-  
27 strated that he or she can self-administer the prescribed diazepam or  
28 midazolam nasal spray effectively. Such written permission shall also  
29 include the circumstances which may warrant the use of a diazepam or  
30 midazolam nasal spray. A record of such consent and permission shall be  
31 maintained in the student's cumulative health record. In addition, upon  
32 the written request of a parent or person in parental relation, the  
33 board of education or trustees of a school district and board of coop-  
34 erative educational services shall allow such pupils to maintain an  
35 extra diazepam or midazolam nasal spray for the emergency treatment of  
36 seizures in the care and custody of a licensed nurse, nurse practition-  
37 er, physician assistant, or physician employed by such district or board  
38 of cooperative educational services, and shall be readily accessible to

39 such pupil. Nothing in this section shall require a school district or  
40 board of cooperative educational services to retain a licensed nurse,  
41 nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or physician solely for the  
42 purpose of taking custody of a spare diazepam or midazolam nasal spray  
43 for the emergency treatment of seizures, or require that a licensed  
44 nurse, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or physician be avail-  
45 able at all times in a school building for taking custody of the diazep-  
46 am or midazolam nasal spray. In addition, the diazepam or midazolam  
47 nasal spray provided by the pupil's parents or persons in parental  
48 relation will be made available to the pupil as needed in accordance  
49 with the school district's or board of cooperative educational services'  
50 policy and the orders prescribed in the written permission of the physi-  
51 cian or other authorized health care provider.

52 2. A school district, board of cooperative educational services and/or  
53 their agents or employees shall incur no legal or financial liability as  
54 a result of any harm or injury sustained by a pupil or other person  
55 caused by reasonable and good faith compliance with this section.

56 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.