



2022 South Dakota Legislature

House Concurrent Resolution 6004

Introduced by: **Representative Lana Greenfield**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, urging the creation of safe and supportive**
2 **environments for students with epilepsy.**

3 WHEREAS, seizures and epilepsy are among the most common neurological problems
4 affecting students; and

5 WHEREAS, estimates indicate there are approximately 470,000 children living with
6 epilepsy in the United States, or approximately six students in a school of 1,000 students;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, students spend a significant portion of their waking hours in school settings,
9 making it critical that school personnel have a fundamental knowledge of what epilepsy is,
10 how seizures can be recognized, and how appropriate first aid can be rendered; and

11 WHEREAS, students with epilepsy may have challenges with learning and school
12 performance, as a result of their seizures and medication; and

13 WHEREAS, students with epilepsy are at increased risk of injuries, suicide, and early
14 death; and

15 WHEREAS, students with epilepsy may also experience attention deficit disorder, anxiety,
16 depression, and social problems; and

17 WHEREAS, epilepsy is not an insurmountable bar to success in an educational setting and,
18 eventually, a workplace setting;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-
20 Seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the
21 Legislature urges all schools and school districts in this state to help students with epilepsy
22 on their path to success, by providing a safe and supportive school environment, so that

- 1 students with epilepsy are also able to reach their full academic potential, build meaningful
- 2 friendships and relationships, and lead full and productive lives.