



2020 South Dakota Legislature
**House Concurrent Resolution
 6007**

HOUSE ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Representative Duba**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting students and other persons afflicted by**
 2 **epilepsy and raising awareness of epilepsy in South Dakota.**

3 WHEREAS, epilepsy is a disease characterized by an enduring predisposition to generate
 4 epileptic seizures and by the neurobiological, cognitive, psychological, and social
 5 consequences of this condition; and

6 WHEREAS, a seizure is an event, and epilepsy is the disease involving recurrent
 7 unprovoked seizures that is the fourth most common neurological disorder and affects people
 8 of all ages; and

9 WHEREAS, epilepsy is a spectrum condition with a wide range of seizure types and control
 10 varying from person-to-person; and

11 WHEREAS, one in twenty-six people will be diagnosed with epilepsy at some point in life
 12 and one in ten people will suffer a seizure at some point in life; and

13 WHEREAS, historical treatment of persons living with epilepsy has led to false, unsafe
 14 understandings of the disease and a significant underfunding of research when compared to
 15 other diseases; and

16 WHEREAS, 3.4 million people in the United States battle epilepsy every day, including
 17 over nine thousand people in South Dakota, and over one thousand children who are among
 18 the most vulnerable members of our state; and

19 WHEREAS, creating awareness of epilepsy will promote much-needed fundraising, seizure
 20 safety, and first aid knowledge to ensure the safety of our students and other citizens living
 21 with epilepsy; and

1 WHEREAS, the safety of students with epilepsy in South Dakota's schools is increased only
2 through awareness of the disease by school boards and administration, teachers, support
3 staff, parents, and the public at large; and

4 WHEREAS, the Epilepsy Foundation has free online or in-person resources available to
5 schools and the public at large, including training programs that provide an overview of
6 seizures and epilepsy, seizure first aid, seizure action plans, rescue therapies, seizure
7 emergencies, and how to support students in school settings:

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth
9 Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature
10 supports the people of South Dakota afflicted by epilepsy and urges school boards and
11 administrators, teachers, support staff, parents, and the public at large to increase awareness
12 of the disease for the better protection of this state's most vulnerable citizens.