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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS IN SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) (a) On and after July 1, 2010,
2 subject to the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, each local and
3 regional board of education shall have: (1) An automatic external
4 defibrillator; and (2) school personnel trained in the operation of such
5 automatic external defibrillator and the use of cardiopulmonary
6 resuscitation at each school under the board's jurisdiction. The
7 automatic external defibrillator and school personnel trained in the
8 operation of an automatic external defibrillator and the use of
9 cardiopulmonary resuscitation shall be accessible during the school's
10 normal operational hours, during school-sponsored athletic practices
11 and athletic events taking place on school grounds and during school
12 sponsored events not occurring during the normal operational hours
13 of the school.

14 (b) Not later than July 1, 2010, each school shall develop an
15 emergency action response plan that addresses the appropriate use of
16 school personnel to respond to incidents involving an individual

17 experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening
18 emergency while on school grounds.

19 (c) Not later than July 1, 2010, each school with an athletic
20 department or organized athletic program shall develop an emergency
21 action response plan that addresses the appropriate use of school
22 personnel to respond to incidents involving an individual experiencing
23 sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening emergency while
24 attending or participating in an athletic practice or event while on
25 school grounds.

26 (d) A local or regional board of education shall not be required to
27 comply with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section if federal,
28 state or private funding is not available to such local and regional
29 board of education to purchase an automatic external defibrillator and
30 pay for the training of school personnel described in said subsection
31 (a). A local and regional board of education may accept a donation of
32 an automatic external defibrillator that meets the standards established
33 by the United States Food and Drug Administration and is in
34 compliance with the device manufacturer's maintenance schedule. A
35 local and regional board of education may accept gifts, grants and
36 donations, including in-kind donations designated for the purchase of
37 an automatic external defibrillator and for the costs incurred to inspect
38 and maintain such device and train staff in the use of such device.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2009	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To save lives by requiring that: (1) There be an of automatic external defibrillator and school staff trained in the use such defibrillators and cardiopulmonary resuscitation in all schools; and (2) schools develop emergency response plans to address serious incidents involving an individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or similar life threatening emergency while on school grounds.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]