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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

**PH**

**Joint Favorable C/R**

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