



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 981

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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 at each school under the board's
4 jurisdiction: (1) An automatic external defibrillator; and (2) school
5 personnel trained in the operation of such automatic external
6 defibrillator and the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation. 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	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In subsection (a), the phrase "at each school under the board's jurisdiction", which previously appeared at the end of the first sentence, was inserted before the subparagraph indicators for added clarity.

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