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SENATE BILL 25-191

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CARDIAC EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, AND, IN
102 CONNECTION THEREWITH, REMOVING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS
103 RELATED TO WRITTEN PLANS FOR AUTOMATED EXTERNAL
104 DEFIBRILLATOR USE AND IMPOSING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS IN
105 HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Current law requires a person or entity that acquires an automated external defibrillator (AED) to develop written plans for the placement,

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

use, and maintenance of the AED (written plans). The bill eliminates the requirements that the written plans:

- Identify personnel authorized to use the AED; and
- Are reviewed and approved by a licensed physician.

The bill imposes requirements for cardiac emergency preparedness for public and nonpublic high school athletics. Beginning on or before the start of the 2026-27 school year, a school district, charter school, board of cooperative services, approved facility school, or Indian tribe (local education provider) shall require each public high school that it operates (public high school) to acquire an AED. The governing authority of a nonpublic high school shall require the nonpublic high school to acquire an AED.

Beginning on or before the start of the 2026-27 school year, the bill requires a public or nonpublic high school to place an AED at each venue that it owns or operates where athletic practices or events take place or in an unlocked location that is accessible during school-sponsored athletic practices or events in which the public or nonpublic high school is participating (accessible location). Beginning on or before the start of the 2027-28 school year, the bill requires AED placement at each venue where the public or nonpublic high school's athletic practices or events take place or in an accessible location.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-21-108.1, **amend**
3 (2), (3)(a)(IV), and (4)(b) introductory portion; and **repeal** (4)(b)(I) as
4 follows:

5 **13-21-108.1. Persons rendering emergency assistance through**
6 **the use of automated external defibrillators - limited immunity -**
7 **definition.** (2) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
8 requires,

9 (a) "AED" or "defibrillator" means an automated external
10 defibrillator that:

11 (A) (a) Has received approval of its premarket notification filed
12 pursuant to 21 U.S.C. sec. 360 (k) from the federal food and drug
13 administration;

1 ~~(H)~~ (b) Is capable of recognizing the presence or absence of
2 ventricular fibrillation or rapid ventricular tachycardia, and is capable of
3 determining, without intervention by an operator, whether defibrillation
4 should be performed; and

5 ~~(H)~~ (c) Upon determining that defibrillation should be performed,
6 automatically charges and requests delivery of an electrical impulse to an
7 individual's heart.

8 ~~(b) "Licensed physician" means a physician licensed to practice
9 medicine in this state.~~

10 (3) (a) In order to ensure public health and safety, a person or
11 entity who acquires an AED shall ensure that:

12 (IV) Written plans are in place concerning the placement of
13 AEDs, training of personnel, pre-planned coordination with the
14 emergency medical services system, medical oversight, AED
15 maintenance, ~~identification of personnel authorized to use AEDs, and~~
16 ~~reporting of AED utilization; which written plans have been reviewed and~~
17 ~~approved by a licensed physician; and~~

18 (4) (b) The limited immunity provided in ~~paragraph (a) of this~~
19 ~~subsection (4)~~ SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION extends to:

20 (I) ~~The licensed physician who reviewed and approved the written~~
21 ~~plans described in subparagraph (IV) of paragraph (a) of subsection (3)~~
22 ~~of this section;~~

23 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-1-129.7 as
24 follows:

25 **22-1-129.7. Placement of automated external defibrillator -**
26 **definitions - repeal.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT
27 OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

1 (a) "AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR" OR "AED" MEANS
2 AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR APPROVED FOR SALE BY THE
3 FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION.

4 (b) "LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT, A
5 CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO PART
6 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF THIS TITLE 22, A CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY
7 THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE
8 30.5 OF THIS TITLE 22, A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES CREATED AND
9 OPERATING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF THIS TITLE 22 THAT OPERATES ONE
10 OR MORE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS, A FACILITY SCHOOL APPROVED PURSUANT
11 TO SECTION 22-2-407, OR AN INDIAN TRIBE OR TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.

12 (c) "NONPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL" MEANS A NONPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL
13 THAT HAS AN ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT OR ORGANIZED ATHLETIC PROGRAM.

14 (d) "PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL" MEANS A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL THAT
15 HAS AN ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT OR ORGANIZED ATHLETIC PROGRAM AND
16 THAT IS OPERATED BY A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER.

17 (e) "SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST" MEANS THE SUDDEN AND
18 UNEXPECTED CESSATION OF CARDIAC MECHANICAL ACTIVITY.

19 (2) (a) ON OR BEFORE THE START OF THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR,
20 A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC HIGH
21 SCHOOL THAT THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER OPERATES, AND THE
22 GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF A NONPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL SHALL REQUIRE
23 EACH NONPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL THAT THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY
24 OPERATES, TO ACQUIRE AND PLACE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATIONALLY
25 RECOGNIZED, EVIDENCE-BASED STANDARDS FOR EMERGENCY
26 CARDIOVASCULAR CARE, A CLEARLY MARKED, EASILY ACCESSIBLE AED:

27 (I) AT EACH VENUE WHERE ATHLETIC PRACTICES OR EVENTS TAKE

1 PLACE THAT IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE PUBLIC OR NONPUBLIC HIGH
2 SCHOOL; OR

3 (II) IN AN UNLOCKED LOCATION THAT IS ACCESSIBLE DURING ANY
4 SCHOOL-SPONSORED ATHLETIC EVENT OR PRACTICE IN WHICH THE PUBLIC
5 OR NONPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IS PARTICIPATING.

6 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (2) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1,
7 2027.

8 (3) ON OR BEFORE THE START OF THE 2027-28 SCHOOL YEAR, A
9 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL
10 THAT THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER OPERATES, AND THE GOVERNING
11 AUTHORITY OF A NONPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL SHALL REQUIRE EACH
12 NONPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL THAT THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OPERATES,
13 TO ACQUIRE AND PLACE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED,
14 EVIDENCE-BASED STANDARDS FOR EMERGENCY CARDIOVASCULAR CARE,
15 A CLEARLY MARKED, EASILY ACCESSIBLE AED:

16 (a) AT EACH VENUE WHERE THE PUBLIC OR NONPUBLIC HIGH
17 SCHOOL'S ATHLETIC PRACTICES OR EVENTS TAKE PLACE; OR

18 (b) IN AN UNLOCKED LOCATION THAT IS ACCESSIBLE DURING ANY
19 SCHOOL-SPONSORED ATHLETIC EVENT OR PRACTICE IN WHICH THE PUBLIC
20 OR NONPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IS PARTICIPATING.

21 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
22 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
23 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
24 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
25 institutions.