
SENATE BILL 6631

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By Senators McAuliffe, Kohl-Welles, and Chase

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a medical emergency response
2 program for high schools; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.210
3 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.210
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The use of automated external defibrillators has been
8 demonstrated to save lives including those of young athletes pursuing
9 athletic activities. Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to
10 promote the timely and appropriate use of automated external
11 defibrillators in settings where school athletic events occur.

12 (2) The superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with
13 school districts and stakeholder groups, shall develop and implement a
14 medical emergency response program to include an automated external
15 defibrillator program for each high school in the state.

16 (3) The medical emergency response program must:

17 (a) Work with existing community resources and stakeholders to
18 include evidence-based guidelines and training;

1 (b) Provide effective and efficient communication across the school
2 campus;

3 (c) Develop a coordinated and practiced response plan;

4 (d) Develop a plan for risk reduction;

5 (e) Implement a training program and provide equipment for first
6 aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and

7 (f) Implement a lay rescuer automated external defibrillator
8 program in schools with an established need, which may include:

9 (i) Medical provider oversight;

10 (ii) Appropriate training of anticipated rescuers in
11 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use of the automated external
12 defibrillator;

13 (iii) Coordination with the emergency medical services system;

14 (iv) Appropriate device maintenance; and

15 (v) Ongoing quality improvement program.

16 (4) The office of the superintendent of public instruction and its
17 employees and agents are not liable for failures to comply with
18 subsections (2) and (3) of this section or for injuries or accidents
19 involving automated external defibrillators.

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