

SHB 1556 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that more than three
4 hundred sixty thousand people in the United States experience cardiac
5 arrest outside of a hospital every year, and only ten percent survive
6 because the remainder do not receive timely cardiopulmonary
7 resuscitation. When administered immediately, cardiopulmonary
8 resuscitation doubles or triples survival rates from cardiac arrest.
9 Sudden cardiac arrest can happen to anyone at any time. Many victims
10 appear healthy and have no known heart disease or other risk factors.
11 The legislature finds that schools are the hearts of our community, and
12 preparing students to help with a sudden cardiac arrest emergency could
13 save the life of a child, parent, or teacher. Washington state has a
14 longstanding history of training members of the public in
15 cardiopulmonary resuscitation with community-based training programs.
16 The legislature finds that training students will continue the legacy
17 of providing high quality emergency cardiac care to its citizens.
18 Therefore, the legislature intends to create a generation of lifesavers
19 by putting cardiopulmonary resuscitation skills in the hands of all
20 high school graduates and providing schools with a flexible framework
21 to prepare for an emergency.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
23 RCW to read as follows:

24 (1) An automated external defibrillator is often a critical
25 component in the chain of survival for a cardiac arrest victim.

26 (2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction, in
27 consultation with school districts and stakeholder groups, shall
28 develop guidance for a medical emergency response and automated
29 external defibrillator program for high schools.

1 (3) The medical emergency response and automated external
2 defibrillator program must comply with current evidence-based guidance
3 from the American heart association or other national science
4 organization.

5 (4) The office of the superintendent of public instruction, in
6 consultation with the department of health, shall assist districts in
7 carrying out a program under this section, including providing
8 guidelines and advice for seeking grants for the purchase of automated
9 external defibrillators or seeking donations of automated external
10 defibrillators. The superintendent may coordinate with local health
11 districts or other organizations in seeking grants and donations for
12 this purpose.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.230
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 (1) Each school district that operates a high school must offer
16 instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation to students as provided in
17 this section. Beginning with the 2013-14 school year, instruction in
18 cardiopulmonary resuscitation must be included in at least one health
19 class necessary for graduation.

20 (2) Instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation under this section
21 must:

22 (a) Be an instructional program developed by the American heart
23 association or the American red cross or be nationally recognized and
24 based on the most current national evidence-based emergency
25 cardiovascular care guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation;

26 (b) Include appropriate use of an automated external defibrillator,
27 which may be taught by video; and

28 (c) Incorporate hands-on practice in addition to cognitive
29 learning.

30 (3) School districts may offer the instruction in cardiopulmonary
31 resuscitation directly or arrange for the instruction to be provided by
32 available community-based providers. The instruction is not required
33 to be provided by a certificated teacher. Certificated teachers
34 providing the instruction are not required to be certified trainers of
35 cardiopulmonary resuscitation. A student is not required to earn
36 certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation to successfully complete
37 the instruction for the purposes of this section."

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1 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "arrest;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter
3 28A.300 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.230 RCW; and creating
4 a new section."

EFFECT: Allows a school district to use a video to teach appropriate AED use. Retains underlying portions of the bill.

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