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1 AN ACT Relating to medical equipment in schools; and adding new  
2 sections to chapter 28A.210 RCW.

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

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

6 (1) Beginning in the 2026-27 school year, each school district  
7 shall:

8 (a) Maintain and make available to school employees and  
9 volunteers bleeding control equipment located on each school campus  
10 for use in the event of a traumatic injury involving blood loss. The  
11 bleeding control equipment must be stored in an easily accessible  
12 area of each school campus;

13 (b) Require that each school has a minimum of two employees per  
14 school who have completed the training described in subsection (4) of  
15 this section. If a school has more than 1,000 students, it must have  
16 one trained employee per 500 students; and

17 (c) Require each school to inspect and inventory bleeding control  
18 equipment annually and after each use to ensure that any of the  
19 equipment is not expired or missing, and that any expired or missing  
20 equipment is replaced as necessary.

21 (2) Bleeding control equipment must include:

1 (a) A tourniquet endorsed by or approved for use in battlefield  
2 trauma care by the United States department of defense committee on  
3 tactical combat casualty care;

4 (b) A compression bandage;

5 (c) A bleeding control bandage;

6 (d) Latex-free gloves;

7 (e) Permanent markers;

8 (f) Scissors; and

9 (g) Instructional documents developed by the United States  
10 department of homeland security, the American college of surgeons, or  
11 a similar organization detailing methods to prevent blood loss  
12 following a traumatic event.

13 (3) In addition to the items listed in subsection (2) of this  
14 section, a school district may include other medical materials and  
15 equipment that:

16 (a) Are approved by local law enforcement or first responders;

17 (b) Can adequately treat a traumatic injury; and

18 (c) Can be stored with the readily available bleeding control  
19 equipment.

20 (4) School districts may satisfy the training requirements by  
21 using in-person and online trainings produced by the United States  
22 department of homeland security, the American college of surgeons, or  
23 similar organizations. The training must include:

24 (a) The proper application of pressure to stop bleeding;

25 (b) The application of dressings and bandages;

26 (c) Other pressure techniques to control bleeding; and

27 (d) The correct application of tourniquets.

28 (5) School districts are encouraged to implement the requirements  
29 in this section during the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.

30 (6) This section governs school operation and management under  
31 RCW 28A.710.040 and 28A.715.020 and applies to charter schools  
32 established under chapter 28A.710 RCW and state-tribal education  
33 compact schools subject to chapter 28A.715 RCW.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.210  
35 RCW to read as follows:

36 (1) Beginning in the 2026-27 school year, each school district  
37 shall acquire and maintain at least one semiautomatic external  
38 defibrillator on each school campus.

1           (2) The school district must comply with the requirements of RCW  
2 70.54.310, including instruction on the use of the defibrillator,  
3 maintenance of the defibrillator, and notification of the local  
4 emergency medical services organization about the location of the  
5 defibrillator.

6           (3) A person who uses a semiautomatic external defibrillator at  
7 the scene of an emergency is immune from civil liability pursuant to  
8 RCW 70.54.310.

9           (4) This section governs school operation and management under  
10 RCW 28A.710.040 and 28A.715.020 and applies to charter schools  
11 established under chapter 28A.710 RCW and state-tribal education  
12 compact schools subject to chapter 28A.715 RCW.

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