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## **SB 1259**

Introduced by  
Senators Shope: Burch, Gonzales, Champ

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 15-120.05; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO EDUCATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-120.05, to read:

4 15-120.05. High school sports; automatic external  
5 defibrillators; cardiac emergency response  
6 plans; rulemaking; definitions

7 A. NOTWITHSTANDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 21.1, ARTICLE 3 AND SECTION  
8 15-161, BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2024, EACH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL IN THIS  
9 STATE THAT PROVIDES INSTRUCTION TO STUDENTS IN ANY OF GRADES SIX THROUGH  
10 TWELVE AND THAT SPONSORS AN ATHLETIC TEAM OR SPORTS PROGRAM SHALL:

11 1. PROVIDE AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR AT EACH SCHOOL  
12 CAMPUS AND SCHOOL-SPONSORED ATHLETIC EVENT.

13 2. ENSURE THAT EACH AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROVIDED  
14 PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBSECTION IS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

15 (a) IN AN UNLOCKED LOCATION THAT IS ACCESSIBLE DURING THE SCHOOL  
16 DAY AND DURING ANY SCHOOL-SPONSORED ATHLETIC EVENT.

17 (b) IN A LOCATION FROM WHICH THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR  
18 MAY BE RETRIEVED AND USED AT THE SCHOOL OR ANY SCHOOL-SPONSORED ATHLETIC  
19 EVENT IN THREE MINUTES OR LESS.

20 (c) IDENTIFIED WITH APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE.

21 (d) MAINTAINED IN GOOD WORKING ORDER AND TESTED ACCORDING TO THE  
22 MANUFACTURER'S GUIDELINES.

23 3. REQUIRE EACH COACH TO COMPLETE A STATE-APPROVED COURSE THAT  
24 PROVIDES INSTRUCTION IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION, FIRST AID AND THE  
25 USE OF AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR AND THAT FOLLOWS EMERGENCY  
26 CARDIOVASCULAR CARE GUIDELINES.

27 B. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 15-161, EACH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL  
28 IN THIS STATE THAT PROVIDES INSTRUCTION TO STUDENTS IN ANY OF GRADES SIX  
29 THROUGH TWELVE AND THAT SPONSORS AN ATHLETIC TEAM OR SPORTS PROGRAM SHALL:

30 1. ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2024, CONSULT WITH LOCAL EMERGENCY  
31 MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL TO DEVELOP A WRITTEN CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE  
32 PLAN TO ADDRESS HOW THE SCHOOL WILL RESPOND TO A CARDIAC EVENT DURING THE  
33 SCHOOL DAY OR AT A SCHOOL-SPONSORED ATHLETIC EVENT. THE SCHOOL SHALL  
34 INCLUDE IN THE PLAN SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR EACH SITE AT WHICH A  
35 SCHOOL-SPONSORED ATHLETIC EVENT MAY OCCUR AND ENSURE THAT THE PLAN IS  
36 CONSISTENT WITH NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED, EVIDENCE-BASED STANDARDS. THE  
37 CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL  
38 IDENTIFY ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

39 (a) EACH SITE AT WHICH A SCHOOL-SPONSORED ATHLETIC EVENT MAY OCCUR.

40 (b) EACH SCHOOL EMPLOYEE WHO IS ASSIGNED ONE OR MORE  
41 RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN, INCLUDING THE  
42 CHAIN OF COMMAND AMONG THE EMPLOYEES.

1 (c) EACH HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL WHO MAY PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES  
2 DURING SCHOOL-SPONSORED ATHLETIC EVENTS.

3 (d) ALL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES THAT MAY BE NEEDED TO RESPOND TO A  
4 CARDIAC EVENT DURING A SCHOOL-SPONSORED ATHLETIC EVENT, INCLUDING THE  
5 PHYSICAL LOCATION OF EACH ITEM AT EACH SITE IDENTIFIED PURSUANT TO  
6 SUBDIVISION (a) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

7 (e) PROCEDURES FOR RESPONDING TO A CARDIAC EVENT DURING THE SCHOOL  
8 DAY OR AT A SCHOOL-SPONSORED ATHLETIC EVENT, INCLUDING:

9 (i) RESPONDING TO THE CARDIAC EVENT.

10 (ii) CALLING 911 OR OTHER LOCAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
11 PERSONNEL.

12 (iii) ASSISTING EMERGENCY RESPONDERS.

13 (iv) INFORMING THE EMERGENCY RESPONDERS OF THE LOCATION AND TYPE OF  
14 AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS THAT THE SCHOOL HAS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO  
15 SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.

16 (v) DOCUMENTING ALL ACTIONS TAKEN BY SCHOOL EMPLOYEES OR OTHER  
17 INDIVIDUALS DURING THE CARDIAC EVENT.

18 2. DISTRIBUTE THE CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN DEVELOPED  
19 PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBSECTION TO ALL EMPLOYEES WHO ARE  
20 INVOLVED IN SCHOOL-SPONSORED ATHLETIC EVENTS, INCLUDING HEALTH CARE  
21 PROFESSIONALS WHO MAY PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY OR AT  
22 A SCHOOL-SPONSORED ATHLETIC EVENT.

23 3. ANNUALLY REVIEW, UPDATE AND PRACTICE IMPLEMENTING THE CARDIAC  
24 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS  
25 SUBSECTION.

26 C. IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, THE  
27 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTING  
28 THIS SECTION. THE RULES AND GUIDELINES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS  
29 SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE PROCEDURES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO  
30 EVALUATE WHETHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CHARTER SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS ARE  
31 COMPLYING WITH THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION.

32 D. A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL MAY ACCEPT GIFTS, GRANTS,  
33 DONATIONS AND IN-KIND DONATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION,  
34 INCLUDING TO PURCHASE AND MAINTAIN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AND  
35 TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED TRAINING TO SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.

36 E. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

37 1. "AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR" HAS THE SAME MEANING  
38 PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 36-2261.

39 2. "SCHOOL-SPONSORED ATHLETIC EVENT":

40 (a) MEANS AN EVENT RELATED TO A SPORT OR OTHER ACTIVITY IN WHICH  
41 STUDENTS PARTICIPATE AS INDIVIDUALS OR AS MEMBERS OF A TEAM.

42 (b) INCLUDES SCHEDULED PRACTICES, TRAININGS AND COMPETITIONS.

43 3. "TRAINING" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 36-2261.

1           Sec. 2. Appropriation; department of education  
2           A. The sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is appropriated from the state general fund  
3 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the department of education for implementing  
4 section 15-120.05, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.  
5           B. The department shall distribute monies appropriated pursuant to  
6 subsection A of this section to schools in which fifty percent or more of  
7 the students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches for any of the  
8 following:  
9           1. Purchasing and maintaining automated external defibrillators as  
10 defined by section 36-2261, Arizona Revised Statutes.  
11           2. Purchasing cardiopulmonary resuscitation training kits.  
12           3. Providing the state-approved course for coaches required under  
13 section 15-120.05, subsection A, paragraph 3, Arizona Revised Statutes, as  
14 added by this act.  
15           4. Other goods and services identified by the department of  
16 education that are necessary for implementing section 15-120.05, Arizona  
17 Revised Statutes, as added by this act.