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schools; AEDs; CPR training; requirements

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HOUSE BILL 2196

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; definitions

6 A. NOTWITHSTANDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 21.1, ARTICLE 3, BEGINNING
7 AUGUST 1, 2026, EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THIS STATE THAT PROVIDES INSTRUCTION
8 TO STUDENTS IN ANY OF GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE AND THAT SPONSORS AN
9 ATHLETIC TEAM OR SPORTS PROGRAM SHALL:

10 1. PROVIDE AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR THAT IS BOTH OF THE
11 FOLLOWING:

12 (a) IN AN UNLOCKED LOCATION THAT MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

13 (i) IS CLEARLY MARKED AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY
14 AND AT ANY SCHOOL-SPONSORED ATHLETIC EVENT.

15 (ii) IS IN A LOCATION FROM WHICH THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL
16 DEFIBRILLATOR MAY BE RETRIEVED AND USED IN THREE MINUTES OR LESS.

17 (iii) IS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO EACH SCHOOL-SPONSORED ATHLETIC EVENT
18 AND VENUE AT WHICH A SCHOOL-SPONSORED ATHLETIC EVENT IS HELD.

19 (iv) IS CONSISTENT WITH NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED EMERGENCY
20 CARDIOVASCULAR CARE GUIDELINES.

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

23 2. REQUIRE EACH COACH TO COMPLETE A TRAINING COURSE IN
24 CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION, FIRST AID AND THE USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL
25 DEFIBRILLATORS THAT FOLLOWS NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED EMERGENCY CARDIOVASCULAR
26 CARE GUIDELINES.

27 B. A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL MAY ACCEPT GIFTS, GRANTS,
28 DONATIONS AND IN-KIND DONATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION,
29 INCLUDING TO PURCHASE AND MAINTAIN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AND
30 TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED TRAINING TO SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.

31 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

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

34 2. "SCHOOL-SPONSORED ATHLETIC EVENT":

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

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

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

39 Sec. 2. Appropriation; department of education; exemption

40 A. The sum of \$500,000 is appropriated from the state general fund
41 in fiscal year 2025-2026 to the department of education for implementing
42 section 15-120.05, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.

43 B. The department shall distribute monies appropriated pursuant to
44 subsection A of this section to any school that has a total ending cash
45 balance of \$5,000,000 or less according to the most recent annual

1 financial report that is published by the school pursuant to section
2 15-904, Arizona Revised Statutes. A school may use the monies distributed
3 pursuant to this subsection for any of the following:

4 1. Purchasing and maintaining automated external defibrillators as
5 defined by section 36-2261, Arizona Revised Statutes.

6 2. Purchasing cardiopulmonary resuscitation training kits.

7 3. Providing a training course for coaches that follows nationally
8 recognized emergency cardiovascular care guidelines as required by section
9 15-120.05, subsection A, paragraph 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added
10 by this act.

11 4. Purchasing other goods and services identified by the department
12 of education that are necessary for implementing section 15-120.05,
13 Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.

14 C. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
15 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
16 to lapsing of appropriations, until June 30, 2027.