

REFERENCE TITLE: cardiac emergency response plans; schools

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Senator Gowan

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-120.08; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO PUBLIC
SCHOOLS.

(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 15-120.08, to read:

4 15-120.08. Public schools; cardiac emergency response plans;
5 definition

6 A. ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2027, EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THIS STATE
7 SHALL ADOPT A CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN THAT INCLUDES:

8 1. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL WHO MIGHT RESPOND
9 TO AN INCIDENT IN WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCES SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST OR
10 A SIMILAR LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCY WHILE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS. THE
11 POLICIES REQUIRED BY THIS PARAGRAPH MUST:

12 (a) ESTABLISH A CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM COMPOSED OF SCHOOL
13 PERSONNEL.

14 (b) REQUIRE MEMBERS OF THE CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM TO
15 COMPLETE TRAINING IN FIRST AID, CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND THE USE
16 OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS THAT FOLLOWS GUIDELINES PRESCRIBED BY
17 A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION THAT IS FOCUSED ON EMERGENCY
18 CARDIOVASCULAR CARE. A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY PROVIDE THE TRAINING REQUIRED
19 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF
20 THE CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM.

21 2. EVIDENCE-BASED CORE ELEMENTS THAT ARE RECOMMENDED BY A
22 NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION THAT IS FOCUSED ON EMERGENCY
23 CARDIOVASCULAR CARE.

24 3. POLICIES THAT PRESCRIBE THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER AND PLACEMENT OF
25 AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AT EACH SCHOOL SITE. THE POLICIES
26 REQUIRED BY THIS PARAGRAPH MUST ENSURE THAT EACH AUTOMATED DEFIBRILLATOR
27 IS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

28 (a) IN AN UNLOCKED LOCATION THAT IS CLEARLY MARKED AND EASILY
29 ACCESSIBLE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.

30 (b) IN A LOCATION FROM WHICH THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR
31 MAY BE RETRIEVED AND USED AT THE SCHOOL SITE WITHIN THREE MINUTES.

32 (c) IN A LOCATION THAT COMPLIES WITH GUIDELINES THAT ARE
33 ESTABLISHED BY A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION THAT IS FOCUSED ON
34 EVIDENCE-BASED EMERGENCY CARDIOVASCULAR CARE.

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

37 4. PROCEDURES TO NOTIFY THE APPROPRIATE FIRST AID, AMBULANCE,
38 RESCUE SQUAD OR OTHER APPROPRIATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER WHEN
39 THE SCHOOL ACQUIRES AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR FOR A SCHOOL SITE.
40 THE NOTIFICATION REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH MUST INCLUDE BOTH THE
41 TYPE AND LOCATION OF EACH AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR.

42 B. A SCHOOL MAY ACCEPT GIFTS, GRANTS, DONATIONS AND IN-KIND
43 DONATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING TO PURCHASE AND
44 MAINTAIN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AND TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED
45 TRAINING FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL.

1 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "AUTOMATED EXTERNAL
2 DEFIBRILLATOR" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 36-2261.

3 Sec. 2. Appropriation; department of education; cardiac
4 emergency response plans; exemption

5 A. The sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the state general
6 fund in fiscal year 2026-2027 to the department of education for the
7 purpose of implementing section 15-120.08, Arizona Revised Statutes, as
8 added by this act.

9 B. The department shall distribute monies appropriated pursuant to
10 subsection A of this section to public schools that offer instruction to
11 students in any combination of kindergarten programs and grades one
12 through twelve. The department shall prioritize distributions to public
13 schools in which at least fifty percent of students are eligible for free
14 or reduced-price lunches. A public school may use monies that are
15 distributed pursuant to this subsection for any of the following:

16 1. Purchasing or maintaining automated external defibrillators as
17 defined in section 36-2261, Arizona Revised Statutes.

18 2. Purchasing cardiopulmonary resuscitation training kits.

19 3. Providing the training in first aid, cardiopulmonary
20 resuscitation and the use of automated external defibrillators to school
21 personnel to satisfy the requirements prescribed by section 15-120.08,
22 subsection A, paragraph 1, subdivision (b), Arizona Revised Statutes, as
23 added by this act.

24 4. Purchasing other goods or services that are identified by the
25 department of education and are necessary for the implementation of
26 section 15-120.08, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.

27 C. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
28 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
29 to lapsing of appropriations.