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~~cardiac emergency response plans; schools~~
(now: public schools; automated defibrillators; appropriation)

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SENATE BILL 1131

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Public schools; automated external defibrillators;
3 department of education; reporting and posting
4 requirements; delayed repeal; definition

5 A. On or before November 1, 2026, each school district and charter
6 school in this state shall submit a report to the department of education
7 that includes the following information:

8 1. The number of automated external defibrillators that the school
9 district or charter school has at each school campus.

10 2. The number of school employees at each school campus, including
11 indirect employment through a third-party contractor, who are trained in
12 providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid and in the use of
13 automated external defibrillators.

14 3. A statement indicating whether the school district or charter
15 school has adopted a plan that both:

16 (a) Outlines the policies and procedures for school personnel who
17 might respond to an incident in which an individual experiences sudden
18 cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening emergency.

19 (b) Is consistent with guidelines prescribed by a nationally
20 recognized organization that is focused on emergency cardiovascular care.

21 B. On or before December 1, 2026, the department of education shall
22 compile the reports received pursuant to subsection A of this section and
23 shall:

24 1. Submit a summary and the compiled reports to the president of
25 the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the director of
26 the joint legislative budget committee and the director of the department
27 of health services.

28 2. Submit a copy of the summary and compiled reports to the
29 secretary of state.

30 3. Post the summary and compiled reports on the department of
31 education's website.

32 C. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2027.

33 D. For the purposes of this section, "automated external
34 defibrillator" has the same meaning prescribed in section 36-2261, Arizona
35 Revised Statutes.

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

37 A. The sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the state general
38 fund in fiscal year 2026-2027 to the department of education.

39 B. The department may use not more than \$50,000 for the purpose of
40 implementing section 1 of this act. The department shall distribute the
41 remaining monies appropriated pursuant to subsection A of this section to
42 public schools that offer instruction to students in any combination of
43 kindergarten programs and grades one through twelve. The department shall
44 prioritize distributions to public schools that are rural as defined in
45 section 15-249.13, Arizona Revised Statutes. A public school may use

1 monies that are distributed pursuant to this subsection to purchase or
2 maintain automated external defibrillators as defined in section 36-2261,
3 Arizona Revised Statutes.

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