For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE "THE ANTONY HOBBS III ACT"; TO CREATE SCHOOL-BASED AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR AND CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO CREATE "THE ANTONY HOBBS III ACT" AND TO CREATE SCHOOL-BASED AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR AND CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION PROGRAMS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Antony Hobbs III Act".

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-10-122 is amended to read as follows:

6-10-122. Automated external defibrillators required.

(a)(1) The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to require that:

(A) Each school campus have an automated external defibrillator if funds are available; and

(B)(i) Appropriate school personnel be adequately trained on or before May 31, 2011; and

(ii) After May 31, 2011, appropriate school...
personnel be adequately trained on an ongoing basis.

(2) To enhance the potential life-saving capability of each automated external defibrillator, the rules shall include without limitation provisions regarding the availability of the school’s automated external defibrillator at school-related activities, such as athletic events.

(b) To minimize the financial impact on school districts, each school district may apply for a grant from the Department of Health to purchase an automated external defibrillator or related equipment or to provide training to its personnel, or any combination of purchase of an automated external defibrillator or related equipment or provision of training to personnel.

(c) Beginning in 2011, the Commissioner of Education shall provide a report to the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor on or before July 1, each year regarding the implementation of this section and the status of automated external defibrillator availability on each school campus.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 10, Subchapter 1 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-10-123. School-based automated external defibrillator and cardiopulmonary resuscitation programs.

(a) The State Board of Education, after consultation with the Department of Health, shall develop rules based on guidelines for automated external defibrillator and cardiopulmonary resuscitation training that incorporates at least the following:

(1) Health care provider oversight, including planning and review of the selection, placement, and maintenance of automated external defibrillators;

(2) Appropriate training of anticipated rescuers in the use of the automated external defibrillator and in cardiopulmonary resuscitation;

(3) Testing of psychomotor skills based on the American Heart Association scientific guidelines, standards, and recommendations for the use of the automated external defibrillator, as they existed on January 1, 2009, and for providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation as published by the American Heart Association, American Red Cross, or in equivalent course materials, as they existed on January 1, 2009;

(4) Coordination with the emergency medical services system; and
(5) An ongoing quality improvement program to monitor training and evaluate response with each use of the automated external defibrillator.

(b) Automated external defibrillator and cardiopulmonary resuscitation training shall count fully toward the existing professional development requirements for teachers and school personnel.

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