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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1643

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS  
9 AT CERTAIN SCHOOL-SPONSORED SPORTING EVENTS AND ON  
10 CAMPUSES OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 TO REQUIRE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL  
15 DEFIBRILLATORS AT CERTAIN SCHOOL-  
16 SPONSORED SPORTING EVENTS AND ON CAMPUSES  
17 OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-10-122(a), concerning automated external  
24 defibrillators required on school campuses, is amended to read as follows:

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

27 (A) Each school campus have an automated external  
28 defibrillator; ~~and~~

29 (B) Appropriate school personnel be adequately trained on  
30 an ongoing basis; and

31 (C) Each school-sponsored sporting event for grades seven  
32 through twelve (7-12) have an automated external defibrillator at the school-  
33 sponsored sporting event.

34 (2) To enhance the potential life-saving capability of each  
35 automated external defibrillator, the rules shall include without limitation  
36 provisions regarding the availability of the school's automated external



1 defibrillator at school-related activities, such as athletic events.

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3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 60, Subchapter 1, is amended  
4 to add an additional section to read as follows:

5 6-60-119. Automated external defibrillators required – Automated  
6 external defibrillator and cardiopulmonary resuscitation programs.

7 (a) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in collaboration  
8 with all public university and community college presidents and chancellors  
9 or their designees, shall develop and adopt rules to require:

10 (A) An automated external defibrillator to be placed in  
11 appropriate locations across each institution of higher education campus as  
12 determined by rule;

13 (B) Appropriate personnel be adequately trained on an  
14 ongoing basis; and

15 (C) Each institution of higher education-sponsored  
16 sporting event have an automated external defibrillator at the institution of  
17 higher education-sponsored sporting event.

18 (b) The board, after consultation with the Department of Health, shall  
19 develop rules based on guidelines for automated external defibrillator and  
20 cardiopulmonary resuscitation training that incorporates at least the  
21 following:

22 (1) Healthcare provider oversight, including planning and review  
23 of the selection, placement, and maintenance of automated external  
24 defibrillators;

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

27 (3) Testing of psychomotor skills based on the American Heart  
28 Association scientific guidelines, standards, and recommendations for the use  
29 of the automated external defibrillator, as they existed on January 1, 2023,  
30 and for providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation as published by the American  
31 Heart Association or the American Red Cross as they existed on January 1,  
32 2023, or equivalent course materials;

33 (4) Coordination with the emergency medical services system; and

34 (5) An ongoing quality improvement program to monitor training  
35 and evaluate response with each use of the automated external defibrillator.

36 (c) Automated external defibrillator and cardiopulmonary resuscitation

1 training shall count fully toward the existing professional development  
2 requirements for personnel.

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