State of Arkansas

As Engrossed: H4/3/23

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1643

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL
DEFIBRILLATORS AT CERTAIN SCHOOL-
SPONSORED SPORTING EVENTS AND ON CAMPUSES
OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-10-122(a), concerning automated external
defibrillators required on school campuses, is amended to read as follows:
(a)(1) The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to require
that:
(A) Each school campus have an automated external
defibrillator; and
(B) Appropriate school personnel be adequately trained on
an ongoing basis; and
(C) Each school-sponsored sporting event for grades seven
through twelve (7-12) have an automated external defibrillator at the school-
sponsored sporting event.
(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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) The board, 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) Healthcare 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, 2023,
and for providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation as published by the American
Heart Association or the American Red Cross as they existed on January 1,
2023, or equivalent course materials;

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

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