

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2007-214

REQUESTING THE HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR TO STUDY THE PROCESS FOR REQUIRING ALL HIGH SCHOOLS IN THIS STATE TO HAVE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AND TO REQUIRE THAT AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR BE AVAILABLE AT EACH MAJOR HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY IN THIS STATE.

WHEREAS, in response to the recent, tragic death of Anthony Hobbs of Little Rock Parkview High School, this committee should work to ensure that students in this state's High Schools are ensured the safest possible environment for school activities; and

WHEREAS, automated external defibrillators provide an effective method for protecting lives in emergencies; and

WHEREAS, requiring all High Schools in this state to have automated external defibrillators and to make them available at major school activities may save young people's lives,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House Interim Committee On Public Health, Welfare And Labor study the process for requiring all high schools in this state to have automated external defibrillators and to require that an automated external defibrillator be available at each major high school activity in this state.

Respectfully submitted,

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