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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1643

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 (2) To enhance the potential life-saving capability of each  
36 automated external defibrillator, the rules shall include without limitation



1 provisions regarding the availability of the school's automated external  
2 defibrillator at school-related activities, such as athletic events.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 (3) Testing of psychomotor skills based on the American Heart  
29 Association scientific guidelines, standards, and recommendations for the use  
30 of the automated external defibrillator, as they existed on January 1, 2023,  
31 and for providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation as published by the American  
32 Heart Association or the American Red Cross as they existed on January 1,  
33 2023, or equivalent course materials;

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

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

