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Short Title: AEDs and CPR in Public Schools. (Public)

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April 14, 2025

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PLACEMENT OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL
3 DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDS) IN ALL SCHOOLS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS AND TO
4 PROVIDE TRAINING FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL ON THE USE OF AEDS AND CPR.

5 Whereas, the critical importance of having an AED in the building and the quick
6 action of those who are trained to use it was demonstrated in our NC General Assembly building
7 on April 2, 2009; and

8 Whereas, on that date the life of our member, Rep. Becky Carney, was saved because
9 there was access to an AED and there were personnel trained to administer it; Now, therefore,
10 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

11 **SECTION 1.** This Act may be cited as "The Rep. Becky Carney Cardiac Arrest Act."

12 **SECTION 1.5.** G.S. 115C-12 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

13 "(50) Duty to Adopt Rules for Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs). – The
14 State Board of Education shall adopt rules for the installation, use, and
15 maintenance of AEDs in public school units. At a minimum, the rules shall
16 include provisions for the following:

- 17 a. Installation and placement of at least one AED in each school in a
18 public school unit, placed in the school athletic facility or area.
19 b. Implementation of an appropriate training course for public school
20 personnel in the use of AEDs, including the role of cardiopulmonary
21 resuscitation (CPR) and first aid.
22 c. Proper maintenance and testing of the AEDs.
23 d. Coordination with appropriate licensed professionals in the oversight
24 of training on the AEDs.
25 e. Coordination with local emergency medical systems regarding the
26 placement of AEDs in school buildings."

27 **SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

28 "(70) Use of Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs). – Local boards of education
29 shall develop policies for the installation, maintenance, and use of AEDs in
30 accordance with rules developed by the State Board of Education pursuant to
31 G.S. 115C-12(50)."

32 **SECTION 2.(b)** G.S. 115C-150.12C is amended by adding a new subdivision to
33 read:

34 "(37) Use of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs). – The board of trustees shall
35 develop policies for the installation, maintenance, and use of AEDs in



1 accordance with rules developed by the State Board of Education pursuant to
2 G.S. 115C-12(50)."

3 **SECTION 2.(c)** G.S. 115C-218.75 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 "(p) Use of Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs). – Charter schools shall develop
5 policies for the installation, maintenance, and use of AEDs in accordance with rules developed
6 by the State Board of Education pursuant to G.S. 115C-12(50)."

7 **SECTION 2.(d)** G.S. 115C-238.66 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

8 "(23) Use of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs). – Regional schools shall
9 develop policies for the installation, maintenance, and use of AEDs in
10 accordance with rules developed by the State Board of Education pursuant to
11 G.S. 115C-12(50)."

12 **SECTION 2.(e)** G.S. 116-11 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

13 "(15) The Board of Governors shall develop policies for all public secondary
14 schools under the Board's jurisdiction for the installation, maintenance, and
15 use of AEDs in accordance with rules developed by the State Board of
16 Education pursuant to G.S. 115C-12(50)."

17 **SECTION 3.** The State Board of Education may adopt emergency rules in
18 accordance with G.S. 150B-21.1A to implement this act for the 2025-2026 school year.

19 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
20 the 2025-2026 school year.