



HOUSE BILL 852: The Rep. Becky Carney Cardiac Arrest Act.

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 852 would require the State Board of Education (SBE) to adopt rules for the implementation, use, maintenance, and training in the use, of Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) and would require installation of AEDs in accordance with the SBE rules in all schools, including charter schools, regional schools, and schools under the Board of Governors. The sum of \$9,200,000 from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund is appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction for the purchase of AEDs, installation, and training.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 of HB 852 requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to adopt rules for the installation, use, and maintenance, of Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) in public school units. The rules must require the following minimum criteria:

- Require that each school have two AEDs, one of which must be in the school athletic area.
- Implement of a training course for public school personnel in the use of AEDs, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid.
- Ensure proper use and testing of the AEDs.
- Coordinate with appropriate licensed professionals in the oversight of training on AEDs.
- Coordinate with local emergency medical systems regarding the placement of the AEDs in the school building.

Section 2 requires local boards of education (Section 2(a)), charter schools (Section 2(b)), the board of directors of regional schools¹ (Section 2(c)), and the Board of Governors for public secondary schools under the Board's jurisdiction (Section 2(d)), to develop policies for installation, maintenance, and use of the AEDs in accordance with the SBE rules adopted.

Section 3 appropriates \$9,200,000 in nonrecurring funds for the 2023-24 fiscal year from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Temporary Savings Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to be allocated by the Superintendent of Public Instruction on a first-come, first-served basis to governing bodies of public school units for the purchase and installation of two AEDs per school and for the training of personnel on the use of the AED.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would become effective July 1, 2023.

¹ Part 10, Article 16, Chapter 115C defines a regional school as being established jointly by local boards of education to offer expanded student opportunities for educational success through high quality instructional programming to students enrolled in two or more local school administrative units. Regional schools promote knowledge and skills in career clusters of critical importance to the region and may include partnerships with other education partners, including institutions of higher education, private businesses, or organizations.

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