

HCS HB 1991 -- BLEEDING CONTROL KITS

SPONSOR: Shields

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 13 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1991.

This bill defines "bleeding control kits" and requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to develop a traumatic blood loss protocol for school personnel by January 1, 2021.

The bill outlines the specific requirements for the blood loss protocol which shall include a bleeding control kit in each classroom in a school district. Additionally, each district must designate a minimum of five school personnel to receive annual training on the use of a blood control kit.

The bill requires DESE and each school district and charter school to maintain information regarding the traumatic blood loss protocol and the Stop the Bleed national awareness campaign on their respective websites. However, any school district or charter school that has a traumatic blood loss protocol prior to the effective date of this section shall be exempt from the requirements of this bill.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that they want training to be provided to personnel and teachers in case of a medical emergency at schools. The bleeding control kit costs about \$20 and supporters would like a kit to be placed in classrooms. The kit can save lives and prevent hemorrhaging.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Shields; Missouri Hospital Association; Missouri School Board Association; Arnie C. "AC" Dienoff; and Teresa Lienhop, Truman Medical Centers.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.