

HB 426 -- AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR(AED)MACHINES IN SCHOOLS

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Beginning in the 2024-25 school year this bill requires that each school campus in the state install automated external defibrillators (AED). School personnel shall be trained annually on the use of an AED beginning in 2024-25. Specifications for the AED are provided in the bill, and school districts must designate personnel to maintain and ensure availability for the AED. The location for AEDs shall include high traffic areas and easily accessible locations.

Schools must appoint a program coordinator to be responsible for administration of the AED program and perform additional duties as outlined in the bill. The bill requires appropriate training to meet standards set by the American Heart Association, and such training counts for professional development requirements (Section 160.111, RSMo).

The bill also expands existing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training requirements for employees beginning in the 2023-24 school year to include training on AEDs. Trained employees shall be held harmless and immune for any civil liability for the use of an AED in good faith if they follow standard medical practice (Section 167.624).

The bill requires that beginning with the 2023-24 school year instruction in CPR shall include appropriate training in the use of AEDs (Section 170.310).