

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1946, Page 2, Section 160.480, Line 32,  
2 by inserting after said section and line the following:

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4 "160.482. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

5 (1) "Automated external defibrillator" or "AED", a lightweight, portable device that:

6 (a) Is used to administer an electric shock through the chest wall to the heart;

7 (b) Has built-in computers within the device to assess the patient's heart rhythm, determine  
8 whether defibrillation is needed, and administer the shock;

9 (c) Has audible or visual prompts, or both, to guide the user through the process;

10 (d) Has received approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration of its pre-market  
11 modification filed under 21 U.S.C. Section 360(k), as amended;

12 (e) Is capable of recognizing the presence or absence of ventricular fibrillation and rapid  
13 ventricular tachycardia and is capable of determining without intervention by an operator whether  
14 defibrillation should be performed; and

15 (f) Upon determining defibrillation should be performed, either automatically charges and  
16 delivers an electrical impulse to an individual's heart or charges and delivers an electrical impulse at  
17 the command of the operator;

18 (2) "Cardiopulmonary resuscitation" or "CPR", a combination of rescue breathing, chest  
19 compressions, and external cardiac massage used to sustain an individual's life until advanced  
20 assistance arrives;

21 (3) "Defibrillation", administering an electrical impulse to an individual's heart in order to  
22 stop ventricular fibrillation or rapid ventricular tachycardia;

23 (4) "Emergency services provider", any public employer, or ground or air ambulance service  
24 as those terms are used in chapter 190, that employs persons to provide fire fighting, dispatching  
25 services, and emergency medical services;

26 (5) "Extracurricular event", any school-sponsored program or voluntary activity sponsored  
27 by the school, local education agency, or an organization sanctioned by the local education agency  
28 at which students compete for the purpose of:

29 (a) Receiving an award, rating, recognition, or criticism;

30 (b) Qualifying for additional competition; or

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1 (c) Preparing for and involvement in public performances, contests, athletic competitions,  
 2 demonstrations, displays, and club activities;

3 (6) "Protocol", currently approved and accepted procedures describing specific steps a  
 4 provider is required to follow in assessing and treating a patient;

5 (7) "Public school", the same definition as in section 160.011;

6 (8) "School campus", any public school building or cluster of buildings, and grounds around  
 7 such public school building or cluster of buildings, used for any public school purpose including,  
 8 but not limited to, an extracurricular activity, organized physical activity courses, early childhood  
 9 education programs, or school district administration;

10 (9) "School personnel", a school district employee approved by the school board or a  
 11 contract employee of the school district who is required to follow school policy and procedures;

12 (10) "School-sponsored event", any event or activity sponsored by the public school or  
 13 school district including, but not limited to, athletic events, booster clubs, parent-teacher  
 14 organizations, or any activity designed to enhance the school curriculum whether on the school  
 15 campus or not;

16 (11) "Sudden cardiac arrest", a condition that occurs when the heart malfunctions and stops  
 17 beating unexpectedly, is due to abnormal heart rhythms called arrhythmias, and is generally the  
 18 result of some underlying form of heart disease;

19 (12) "Ventricular fibrillation", the most common arrhythmia that causes cardiac arrest and a  
 20 condition in which the heart's electrical impulses suddenly become chaotic, often without warning,  
 21 causing the heart's pumping action to stop abruptly.

22 2. For the 2025-26 school year and all subsequent school years:

23 (1) Each public school shall develop and implement a cardiac emergency response plan that  
 24 addresses the appropriate use of school personnel to respond to incidents involving an individual  
 25 experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening emergency while on a school campus  
 26 for any school sponsored event or an organized athletic sponsored event; and

27 (2) Each public school with an athletic department or organized athletic program shall  
 28 develop and implement a cardiac emergency response plan that addresses the appropriate use of  
 29 school personnel to respond to incidents involving an individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest  
 30 or a similar life-threatening emergency while attending or participating in an extracurricular event or  
 31 school-sponsored event on the school campus.

32 3. Members of each public school's administration shall coordinate directly with their local  
 33 emergency services providers to integrate the public school's cardiac emergency response plan into  
 34 the local emergency services providers' protocols. A cardiac emergency response plan shall  
 35 integrate evidence-based core elements, such as those recommended by the American Heart  
 36 Association guidelines, Project ADAM, or another set of nationally recognized, evidence-based  
 37 standard or core elements.

38 4. The cardiac emergency response plan shall integrate, at a minimum, the following  
 39 guidelines:

- 1           (1) Establishment of a cardiac emergency response team;  
2           (2) Activation of the team in response to a sudden cardiac arrest;  
3           (3) If the school has an AED device, implementation of AED placement and routine  
4 maintenance throughout the school campus;  
5           (4) Dissemination of the plan throughout the school campus;  
6           (5) Maintenance of ongoing staff training in CPR or AED use, or both;  
7           (6) Annual practice of the cardiac emergency response plan using drills;  
8           (7) Integration of the plan into the local emergency services providers' protocols; and  
9           (8) Both annual and continuous reviews and evaluations of the plan.  
10          5. Appropriate AED placement shall be dictated by the cardiac emergency response plan  
11 and in accordance with guidelines set by the American Heart Association, Project ADAM, or  
12 another set of nationally recognized, evidence-based standard or core elements.  
13          6. Appropriate school personnel shall be trained in first aid, CPR, and AED use that follow  
14 evidence-based guidelines set forth by the American Heart Association, American Red Cross,  
15 Project ADAM, or another set of nationally recognized, evidence-based standard or core elements.  
16 The school personnel required to be trained shall be determined by the cardiac emergency response  
17 plan and shall include, but not be limited to, athletics coaches, school nurses, and athletic trainers.";  
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20 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
21 accordingly.