

HB 1852 -- HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL

SPONSOR: Peters

Beginning with the 2024-25 school year this bill requires that each school campus in the state install automated external defibrillators (AEDs). School personnel shall be trained annually on the use of an AED beginning in the 2024-25 school year. Specifications for the AED are provided in the bill, and school districts must designate personnel to maintain and ensure availability of 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 2024-25 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 2024-25 school year instruction in CPR shall include appropriate training in the use of AEDs (Section 170.310).

The bill requires that beginning with the 2024-25 school year instruction in preventing opioid use and training on the proper administration of naloxone shall be provided to all students during the pupil's four years of high school. Any staff teaching such course must be certified in Narcan administration.

The bill creates the "Public Access to Naloxone (Narcan) Kits Act" and requires that any individual or entity that acquires naloxone must ensure such kits are maintained and inspected. The bill requires school districts and charter schools to develop and implement a program to educate and train pupils and employees on the use and administration of naloxone, and allows the district or charter school to require the completion of the program to be a requirement for graduation (Section 170.321).