

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Bill No. 416, Page 2, Section 160.480, Line 32, by inserting after all of said section
2 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) "Project ADAM (Automated Defibrillators in Adam's Memory)", a national nonprofit
4 organization focused on education around preventing and planning to respond to cardiac arrest;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 2. For the 2026-27 school year and all subsequent school years, each public school shall
25 develop and implement a cardiac emergency response plan that addresses the appropriate use of
26 school personnel to respond to incidents involving an individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest
27 or a similar life-threatening emergency while on a school campus.

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

34 4. The cardiac emergency response plan shall integrate, at a minimum, the following core
35 elements:

36 (1) Establishment of a cardiac emergency response team;

37 (2) Activation of the team in response to a sudden cardiac arrest;

38 (3) Implementation of AED placement and routine maintenance throughout the school
39 campus;

- 1 (4) Dissemination of the plan throughout the school campus;
2 (5) Maintenance of ongoing staff training in CPR and AED use;
3 (6) Practice of the cardiac emergency response plan using drills annually;
4 (7) Integration of the plan into the local emergency services providers' protocols; and
5 (8) Both annual and continuous reviews and evaluations of the plan.

6 5. Appropriate AED placement shall be dictated by the cardiac emergency response plan
7 and in accordance with guidelines set by the American Heart Association or nationally recognized
8 guidelines focused on emergency cardiovascular care. An AED should be identified with
9 appropriate signage and is onsite or placed and made available in an unlocked location on school
10 property.

11 6. For schools with an athletic department or organized school athletic program, an AED
12 shall be clearly marked and easily accessible in an unlocked location at each school athletic venue
13 and event. The AED shall be accessible during the school day and any school-sponsored athletic
14 event or team practice in which pupils of the school are participating. An AED should be placed on
15 a victim within three minutes.

16 7. Appropriate school personnel shall be certified in first aid, CPR, and AED use that follow
17 evidence-based guidelines set forth by the American Heart Association or nationally recognized
18 guidelines focused on emergency cardiovascular care. The school personnel required to be certified
19 shall be determined by the cardiac emergency response plan and shall include, but not be limited to,
20 athletics coaches, school nurses, and athletic trainers."; and

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22 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
23 accordingly.