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HOUSE BILL NO. 266

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to bleeding control kits in public schools.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 160, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 160.485, to read as follows:

**160.485. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Stop the Bleed
2 Act".**

3 2. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

**4 (1) "Bleeding control kit", a first aid response kit that contains at least the
5 following:**

6 (a) Tourniquets that are:

**7 a. Endorsed by the United States Department of Defense Committee on Tactical
8 Combat Casualty Care or its successor entity; or**

**9 b. Approved for use in battlefield trauma care by the Armed Forces of the
10 United States;**

11 (b) Bleeding control bandages;

12 (c) Latex-free protective gloves;

13 (d) Permanent markers;

**14 (e) Instructional documents developed by the United States Department of
15 Homeland Security's Stop the Bleed national awareness campaign or the American
16 College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma, or both; and**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 (f) Other medical materials and equipment similar to those described in
18 paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subdivision;

19 (2) "Department", the department of elementary and secondary education;

20 (3) "Emergency medical services personnel", paid or volunteer firefighters, law
21 enforcement officers, first responders, emergency medical technicians, or other
22 emergency service personnel acting within the ordinary course and scope of those
23 professions, but excluding physicians;

24 (4) "School personnel", any employee of a public school district or charter
25 school, or any volunteer serving at a public school or charter school, who is designated
26 to use a bleeding control kit under this section.

27 3. (1) Before January 1, 2026, the department shall develop a traumatic blood
28 loss protocol for school personnel to follow in the event of an injury involving traumatic
29 blood loss. The protocol shall meet the requirements of this section and shall be made
30 available to each school district and charter school.

31 (2) The traumatic blood loss protocol shall:

32 (a) Require that a bleeding control kit be placed in areas where there is likely to
33 be high traffic or congregation, such as auditoriums, cafeterias, or gymnasiums, and
34 areas where risk of injury may be elevated, including vocational classes such as
35 woodworking or automotive classes, of each school district's school buildings and each
36 charter school in an easily accessible location of such areas to be determined by local
37 emergency medical services personnel;

38 (b) Include bleeding control kits in the emergency plans of each school district
39 and charter school, including the presentation and use of the bleeding control kits in all
40 drills and emergencies;

41 (c) Require each school district and charter school to designate a school nurse or
42 school health care provider, or if no school nurse or school health care provider is
43 available, a school personnel member, in each school building who shall obtain
44 appropriate training annually in the use of a bleeding control kit including, but not
45 limited to:

- 46 a. The proper application of pressure to stop bleeding;
47 b. The proper application of dressings or bandages;
48 c. Additional pressure techniques to control bleeding; and
49 d. The correct application of tourniquets;

50 (d) Require each bleeding control kit in school inventories to be inspected
51 annually to ensure that the materials, supplies, and equipment contained in the bleeding
52 control kit have not expired and that any expired materials, supplies, and equipment are
53 replaced as necessary; and

54 (e) Require a bleeding control kit to be restocked after each use and any
55 materials, supplies, and equipment to be replaced as necessary to ensure that the
56 bleeding control kit contains all necessary materials, supplies, and equipment.

57 4. (1) The department shall, in collaboration with the United States Department
58 of Homeland Security and the state department of public safety, include requirements in
59 the traumatic blood loss protocol for school personnel to receive annual training in the
60 use of bleeding control kits.

61 (2) The training requirements shall be satisfied by successful completion and
62 certification under the "STOP THE BLEED" course as promulgated by the American
63 College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma or the American Red Cross.

64 (3) The training requirements may allow online instruction.

65 5. (1) A bleeding control kit may contain any additional items that:

66 (a) Are approved by emergency medical services personnel, as such term is
67 defined in section 190.600;

68 (b) Can adequately treat an injury involving traumatic blood loss; and

69 (c) Can be stored in a readily available kit.

70 (2) Quantities of each item required to be in a bleeding control kit may be
71 determined by each school district.

72 6. (1) The department and each school district and charter school shall maintain
73 information regarding the traumatic blood loss protocol and the Stop the Bleed national
74 awareness campaign on each entity's website.

75 (2) Upon request by a school district or a charter school, the department may, in
76 collaboration with the department of public safety, direct the school district or charter
77 school to resources that are available to provide bleeding control kits to the school
78 district or charter school.

79 7. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, each school district and
80 charter school shall implement the traumatic blood loss protocol developed under this
81 section before the end of the 2025-26 school year.

82 (2) The requirements that a bleeding control kit be placed as required in
83 paragraph (a) of subdivision (2) of subsection 3 of this section, that each kit be restocked
84 as necessary, and that school personnel receive training under this section shall be
85 subject to an appropriation to cover all costs related to such requirements by the general
86 assembly.

87 (3) Any school district or charter school may receive donations of funds for the
88 purchase of bleeding control kits that meet the requirements of this section and may
89 receive donations of bleeding control kits that meet the requirements of this section.

90 **8. This section shall not be construed to create a cause of action against a school**
91 **district, a charter school, or any school personnel. Any school personnel who in good**
92 **faith use a bleeding control kit as provided by this section shall be immune from all civil**
93 **liability for any act or omission in the use of a bleeding control kit unless the act or**
94 **omission constitutes gross negligence or willful, wanton, or intentional misconduct.**

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