

HB 628 -- HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Beginning with the 2026-27 school year this bill requires that each school campus in the state install automated external defibrillator (AEDs). School personnel must be trained annually on the use of an AED beginning in the 2026-27 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 must 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 specified in the bill.

The bill requires appropriate training to meet standards set by the American Heart Association, and the training counts for professional development requirements (Section 160.111, RSMo).

This bill also expands existing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training requirements for employees beginning in the 2025-26 school year to include training on AEDs. Trained employees must be held harmless and are 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 2025-26 school year instruction in CPR must include appropriate training in the use of AEDs (Section 170.310).

This bill requires that beginning with the 2025-26 school year instruction in preventing opioid use and training on the proper administration of naloxone must be provided to all students during the pupil's four years of high school. The bill requires students in grades seven through 12 to receive instruction on preventing opioid use. Any staff teaching the course must be certified in Narcan administration.

This bill creates the "Public Access to Naloxone (Narcan) Kits Act" and requires that any individual or entity that acquires naloxone must ensure the 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).

This bill is similar to HB 1852 (2024).