

SB 429-FN-A - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL ***429-FN-A***

AN ACT relative to the placement of trauma kits in public schools and making an appropriation therefor.

SPONSORS: Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. McGough, Dist 11; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the placement of trauma kits in public schools and makes an appropriation to a fund established to fund the placement.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to the placement of trauma kits in public schools and making an appropriation therefor.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Trauma Kits. Amend RSA 155-A:33-a to read as follows:

2 153-A:33-a Trauma Kit.

3 I. A trauma kit shall be installed and readily available in selected state-owned and state-
4 occupied buildings ***and in public schools***. In this section, "trauma kit" means a first aid response
5 kit that contains at least the following items:

6 (a) One tourniquet.

7 (b) One bleeding control bandage.

8 (c) One pair of nonlatex protective gloves and a pen type marker.

9 (d) One pair of blunt-ended scissors.

10 (e) Instructional documents developed by the Stop the Bleed national awareness
11 campaign of the United States Department of Homeland Security or the American College of
12 Surgeons Committee on Trauma, the American Red Cross, the Committee for Tactical Emergency
13 Casualty Care, or any other partner of the United States Department of Defense.

14 II. Medical materials and equipment similar to those described in subparagraphs I(a) to (d),
15 and any additional items that are approved by the local EMS medical control, as defined in RSA 153-
16 A:2, XV(a), may be included as supplements in addition to the items described in subparagraphs I(a)
17 to (d), if they adequately treat a traumatic injury and can be stored in a readily available kit.

18 III. The department of administrative services, in consultation with the department of
19 safety's bureau of emergency medical services and the emergency medical services medical control
20 board established in RSA 153-A:5, shall identify ***the number of trauma kits required per school,***
21 ***and*** buildings in which the placement of a trauma kit is appropriate and should be prioritized, as
22 well as criteria for the order of placement and a schedule for future placements.

23 IV. Nothing in this section shall require a property manager or person employed by a
24 property managing entity on behalf of the state to respond to an emergency with the use of trauma
25 kits.

26 V. This section shall not apply to a state-owned building ***or public school*** that is vacant or
27 under construction or renovation.

28 ***VI. There is hereby established in the state treasury the trauma kit fund. The***
29 ***nonlapsing fund shall be kept separate and distinct from all other funds and shall be***
30 ***continually appropriated to the department of administrative services for the purposes of***

1 *funding this section. The fund shall be used to provide financial support for the*
2 *procurement and distribution of trauma kits in accordance with this section. The*
3 *department may accept gifts, grants, donations, and other moneys for this purpose.*

4 2 New Subparagraph; Application of Receipts; Trauma Kit Fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by
5 inserting after subparagraph (410) the following new subparagraph:

6 (411) Moneys deposited in the trauma kit fund as established in RSA 153-A:33-a, VI.

7 3 Appropriation; Department of Administrative Services; Trauma Kits. The sum of \$25,000 for
8 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 is hereby appropriated to the department of administrative for
9 deposit into the trauma kit fund as established by RSA 153-A:33-a, VI. The governor is authorized
10 to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

11 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

**SB 429-FN-A- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: This bill does not authorize new positions.

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
Expenditures*	\$0	\$52,657	Indeterminable Increase	
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	Trauma Kit Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	Trauma Kit Fund			

*Expenditure = Cost of bill

*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
County Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditures	\$0	\$27,657	Indeterminable Increase	

METHODOLOGY:

This bill requires a trauma kit be installed and readily available in public schools, creates the Trauma Kit Fund, and appropriates \$25,000 in Fiscal Year 2027 to the Department of Administrative Services for deposit into the Trauma Kit Fund.

Based on information provided by the Department of Administrative Services, Department of Education, and Department of Safety, wall mounted trauma kits currently cost \$116.24 a piece and there are 453 public school buildings for which a trauma kit would be required. Therefore, this bill would have an initial cost of \$52,657 (\$116.24 kit X 453 schools). Note that this is under the assumption that each school will only need one kit. This initial cost will be incurred in FY 2027, however upkeep and replacement of units in FY 2028 and each year thereafter will be an indeterminable increase as it is unknown how many will need to be fixed/replaced. If schools are required to cover the cost difference from the \$25,000 appropriation and the \$52,657 expense,

schools would have an increase in expenditures of \$27,657 (\$52,657 kits - \$25,000 appropriation = \$27,657).

The Department of Safety states the Division of Home Security Emergency Management (HSEM) would be able to distribute the trauma kits through their normal course of business.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Administrative Services, Department of Education, and Department of Safety