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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT relative to school emergency plans for sports related injuries.

SPONSORS: Rep. Drye, Sull. 7; Rep. Ladd, Graf. 5; Rep. Sykes, Graf. 14; Rep. DeSimone, Rock. 18; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5

COMMITTEE: Education Policy and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill further specifies requirements for emergency plans for sports related injuries and appropriates \$80,000 each fiscal year of the biennium to the division of fire standards and training and emergency medical services to aid in funding and distributing AEDs to schools, in order that they may comply with requirements for AEDs according to emergency plans for sports related injuries.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Five

AN ACT relative to school emergency plans for sports related injuries.

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

1 1 Emergency Plans for Sports Related Injuries; Requirements. Amend RSA 200:40-c to read as
2 follows:

3 200:40-c Emergency Plans for Sports Related Injuries.

4 I. The local board of each school district or the governing body of each nonpublic school that
5 includes any of the grades 4 through 12, shall establish an emergency action plan for responding to
6 serious or potentially life-threatening sports related injuries. Each plan shall:

7 (a) Document the proper procedures to be followed when a student sustains a serious
8 injury or illness while participating in school sponsored sports or other athletic activity.

9 (b) List the employees, team coaches, and licensed athletic trainers in each school who
10 are trained in first aid or cardiopulmonary resuscitation ***that follow evidence-based guidelines***
11 ***set forth by the American Heart Association or other nationally recognized organization or***
12 ***association focused emergency cardiovascular care.***

13 (c) Identify the employees, team coaches, or licensed athletic trainers responsible for
14 carrying out the emergency action plan.

15 (d) Identify the activity location, address, or venue for the purpose of directing
16 emergency personnel.

17 (e) Identify the equipment and supplies and location thereof needed to respond to the
18 emergency.

19 (f) Identify the location of any automated external defibrillators and personnel trained in
20 ***cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and*** the use of the automated external defibrillator
21 (AED). If the school has AEDs:

22 (1) The school will regularly check and maintain the AED according to the
23 manufacturer's instructions; and

24 (2) At least one AED shall be readily accessible in a well-marked and safe place ***at***
25 ***each athletic event or venue where practices and competitions are held*** for use in responding
26 to cardiac emergencies and shall not be locked in an office or be stored in a location that is not easily
27 and quickly accessible.

28 (3) ***AEDs shall be placed, in accordance with guidelines set by the American***
29 ***Heart Association or other nationally recognized guidelines focused on emergency***
30 ***cardiovascular care, at each athletic venue where practices and competitions are held, in***
31 ***which pupils of the school are participating.***

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(g) Document policies related to cooling for an exertional heat stroke victim consistent with guidelines established by the American College of Sports Medicine and the National Athletic Trainers' Association.

(h) Require that for grades 6-12 an individual trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation supervise organized school sponsored sports activities *in which pupils of the school are participating*.

2 Appropriation; Department of Safety; Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services; Automated External Defibrillator.

I. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund to the division of fire standards and training and emergency medical services the sum of \$80,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and the sum of \$80,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, for the purpose of creating funds for which public and non-public schools may apply in order to implement cardiac emergency response preparedness plans for school athletic events and practices. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

II. Funding shall be used for activities and equipment that promote cardiac emergency response preparedness for school athletic practices and events, including but not limited to the purchase of AEDs which meet the standards established by the United States Food and Drug administration, and AED maintenance (pads and battery replacement), the purchase of CPR training kits or CPR/AED training for faculty and staff, basic first aid training, and educational materials.

III. Funding priority shall be given to Title I schools, schools in high need school districts according to NCLB Title II-D guidelines, or other schools where at least 50 percent of students are eligible for free and reduced-price school meals.

IV. To receive funding, schools shall provide a copy of their written emergency action plan for school sports in a manner determined by the bureau of emergency medical services.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

HB 763-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
Expenditures*	\$0	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund			

*Expenditure = Cost of bill

*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Local Revenue	\$0	Indeterminable Increase (Possibly up to \$80,000 Per Year)		\$0
Local Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable Increase		

METHODOLOGY:

This bill increases requirements set forth for school districts relative to cardiovascular care and automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and appropriates \$80,000 in each FY 2026 and FY 2027 from the general fund to the Department of Safety for reimbursement to districts for associated costs to comply. The Department has not identified any costs associated with administering the reimbursement requests and disbursements. It is assumed \$80,000 would be disbursed in each year, however, it is unknown if this would be sufficient to cover what the total costs would be for school districts to comply, as they would vary from district to district.

This bill provides priority for Title I schools, schools in high need school districts according to NCLB Title II-D guidelines, or other schools where at least 50% of students are eligible for free and reduced-priced school meals. Ultimately, this bill's impact on local school district expenditures is indeterminable, as it is unknown what districts currently have in place and any costs would vary from district to district. For informational purposes, the Department of Education has provided the following:

- Total number of public and nonpublic schools = 631
- Total number of district public schools = 467
- Average cost of a single AED = \$2,500
- Estimated Cost of Required AED and CPR Training Per Person Per Year = \$150

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Safety and Department of Education