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HOUSE BILL ***763-FN***

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

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill further specifies requirements for emergency plans for sports related injuries and appropriates \$1 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. The bill also establishes a dedicated fund administered by the division of fire standards and training and emergency medical services to assist schools in procuring AEDs.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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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            209:1 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 injury  
8 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 are  
10 trained in first aid or cardiopulmonary resuscitation ***that follow evidence-based guidelines set forth by the***  
11 ***American Heart Association or other nationally recognized organization or association focused on***  
12 ***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 emergency  
16 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 (AED). If the  
21 school has AEDs:

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

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

28            (3) ***AEDs shall be readily accessible, in accordance with guidelines set by the American***  
29 ***Heart Association or other nationally recognized guidelines focused on emergency cardiovascular care, to***

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1 *each athletic venue where practices and competitions are held, in which pupils of the school are*  
2 *participating.*

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

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

8 209:2 New Section; School Health Services; AED Fund. Amend RSA 200 by inserting after section  
9 40-c the following new section:

10 200:40-d AED Fund. There is hereby established in the state treasury the automated external  
11 defibrillator (AED) fund. The nonlapsing fund shall be kept separate and distinct from all other funds and  
12 shall be continually appropriated to the department of safety, division of fire and standards and training  
13 and emergency medical services for the purposes of this section. The fund shall be used to provide  
14 financial support for the procurement and distribution of AEDs to schools in accordance with emergency  
15 plans for sports related injuries under RSA 200:40-c. The division may accept gifts, grants, donations,  
16 and other moneys for this purpose.

17 209:3 New Subparagraph; Application of Receipts; Dedicated Fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by  
18 inserting after subparagraph (399) the following new subparagraph:

19 (400) Moneys deposited in the AED fund under RSA 200:40-d.

20 209:4 Appropriation; Department of Safety; Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency  
21 Medical Services; Automated External Defibrillator.

22 I. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund to the division of fire standards and training  
23 and emergency medical services the sum of \$1 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 for the purpose of  
24 creating funds for which public and non-public schools may apply in order to implement cardiac  
25 emergency response preparedness plans for school athletic events and practices. The governor is  
26 authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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

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

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

37 209:5 Contingency. If SB 102 of the 2025 general legislative session becomes law, RSA 200:40-d as  
38 inserted by section 1 of SB 102 shall be renumbered as RSA 200:40-e.

39 209:6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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