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By: **Senator Brooks**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Middle and High Schools – Cardiac Emergency Action Plan**
3 **~~Requirements~~ Response Plans for Athletic Facilities**
4 **(The Bailey Bullock Act)**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring that each public middle and high school ~~to develop and~~
6 ~~implement~~ alter the venue-specific emergency action plan for athletic facilities to
7 incorporate a cardiac emergency response plan ~~beginning on a certain date~~; and
8 generally relating to ~~a cardiac emergency action plan in public schools~~ cardiac
9 emergency response plans for athletic facilities.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Education
12 Section ~~7-436~~ 7-451
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Education**

18 ~~7-436.~~

19 (a) (1) ~~In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.~~

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



~~(iii) The Department shall create the information sheet and acknowledgment statement required under this paragraph.~~

~~(4) The Department may use materials available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Parent Heart Watch, Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes Foundation, THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION, or any other appropriate entity to carry out the requirements of this subsection.~~

~~(d) A public school may hold an informational meeting before the start of each athletic season regarding the symptoms and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest.~~

~~(e) (1) Before an individual participates in an authorized athletic activity on school property, the county board shall provide, or require that a third party provide:~~

~~(i) Information on sudden cardiac arrest to the individual and, if applicable, a parent or guardian of the individual; and~~

~~(ii) Notice that acknowledgment of the receipt of the information by the individual and, if applicable, the parent or guardian of the individual, is required.~~

~~(2) The information required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be in the form of:~~

~~(i) A separate information sheet; or~~

~~(ii) A notice on the registration form for a youth sports program stating that information on sudden cardiac arrest is available, including directions on how to receive the information electronically.~~

~~(3) The individual and, if applicable, the parent or guardian of the individual shall:~~

~~(i) Acknowledge receipt of the information by:~~

~~1. Signature;~~

~~2. Checking an acknowledgment box on the registration form; or~~

~~3. Another method of written or electronic acknowledgment;~~
~~and~~

~~(ii) Return the acknowledgment to the county board or third party.~~

~~(f) (1) A youth sports program that uses a public school facility shall provide annually to the county board or the board's agent a statement of intent to comply for all its athletic activities with the requirements of subsection (e) of this section.~~

1 ~~(2) A youth sports program that does not use a public school facility is~~
2 ~~encouraged to follow the guidelines of this section.~~

3 ~~(C) (1) BEGINNING IN THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH PUBLIC~~
4 ~~SCHOOL SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A CARDIAC EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN.~~
5 7-451.

6 (a) (1) Each middle school and high school shall develop a venue-specific
7 emergency action plan for all athletic facilities.

8 (2) A venue-specific emergency action plan includes:

9 (i) The operation and use of automatic external defibrillators in
10 accordance with § 7-425 of this subtitle;

11 (ii) Heat acclimatization in accordance with § 7-434 of this subtitle;
12 [and]

13 (iii) Coordination of care for other emergent injuries, including
14 cervical spinal injury, concussion and closed head injury, major orthopedic injuries, and
15 severe weather for outdoor facilities; AND

16 (IV) A CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN IN ACCORDANCE
17 WITH SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.

18 (b) A venue-specific emergency action plan developed under this section shall be:

19 (1) Posted at each athletic facility at the school;

20 (2) Available on the school's website for viewing by a student athlete's
21 parent or guardian at the beginning of each school year;

22 (3) Distributed to each member of the coaching staff; and

23 (4) Rehearsed in person and interactively by all of the coaching staff of each
24 sport before each of their respective seasons.

25 (c) The provisions of a venue-specific emergency action plan for the operation and
26 use of automatic external defibrillators shall ensure that:

27 (1) An automated external defibrillator is provided on-site and is located
28 at or within a brief walk from an athletic practice or event on school property;

1 (2) An automated external defibrillator is freely accessible during all school
2 functions;

3 (3) All members of the coaching staff are trained in the operation and use
4 of an automated external defibrillator; and

5 (4) A trained member of the coaching staff is present at all athletic
6 practices and events on school property.

7 (d) The provisions of a venue-specific emergency action plan for heat
8 acclimatization shall:

9 (1) Include guidelines for student athletes consistent with the Model Policy
10 for Preseason-Practice Heat Acclimatization Guidelines for Student Athletes established
11 under § 7-434 of this subtitle;

12 (2) Ensure that each school is properly prepared and equipped to initiate
13 cold water immersion for the treatment of exertional heat stroke;

14 (3) Ensure that the cooling modality is readily available to student athletes
15 at all athletic practices and events on school property;

16 (4) Ensure that all members of the coaching staff are trained in cold water
17 immersion; and

18 (5) Ensure that a trained member of the coaching staff is present at all
19 athletic practices and events on school property.

20 **(E) (1) EACH VENUE-SPECIFIC EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN SHALL**
21 **INCLUDE A CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN.**

22 **(2) A CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN DEVELOPED UNDER**
23 **THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:**

24 **(I) IDENTIFY THE APPROPRIATE SCHOOL PERSONNEL TO**
25 **SERVE AS THE CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM TO RESPOND TO INCIDENTS**
26 **INVOLVING AN INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCING SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST OR A SIMILAR**
27 **LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCY WHILE ~~ON SCHOOL GROUNDS~~ AT AN ATHLETIC**
28 **FACILITY;**

29 **(II) ~~IDENTIFY AND COORDINATE~~ COORDINATE WITH FIRST**
30 **RESPONDERS IN THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO INTEGRATE THE**
31 **CARDIAC EMERGENCY ~~ACTION~~ RESPONSE PLAN INTO LOCAL EMERGENCY**
32 **RESPONSE PROTOCOLS; AND**

(III) INCLUDE, AT MINIMUM, THE FOLLOWING EVIDENCE-BASED CORE ELEMENTS RECOMMENDED BY AN APPROPRIATE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION:

~~1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM;~~

~~2. PROCEDURES FOR ACTIVATING THE CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM DURING INCIDENTS INVOLVING AN INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCING SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST OR A SIMILAR LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCY WHILE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS AT AN ATHLETIC FACILITY; AND~~

~~3. 2. REQUIRING SPECIFIED SCHOOL PERSONNEL TO HAVE CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) TRAINING AND AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 7-425 OF THIS SUBTITLE, INCLUDING EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM MEMBERS, ATHLETIC COACHING AND TRAINING STAFF, AND SCHOOL NURSES; AND TRAINING IN FIRST AID, CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR), AND THE OPERATION AND USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 7-425 OF THIS SUBTITLE, INCLUDING CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM MEMBERS, ATHLETIC COACHING AND TRAINING STAFF, SCHOOL NURSES, AND ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED BY THE CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM.~~

~~4. PROVIDING FOR THE PLACEMENT OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNTY BOARD'S AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM UNDER § 7-425 OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

~~(3) A CARDIAC EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN DEVELOPED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE:~~

~~(i) POSTED AROUND SCHOOL GROUNDS AND AT EACH ATHLETIC FACILITY AT THE SCHOOL;~~

~~(ii) POSTED ON THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SCHOOL YEAR;~~

~~(iii) DISTRIBUTED TO EACH MEMBER OF THE CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM, THE SCHOOL'S ATHLETIC COACHING AND TRAINING STAFF, SCHOOL NURSES, AND OTHER SCHOOL PERSONNEL; AND~~

~~(iv) PERIODICALLY REHEARSED IN PERSON AND INTERACTIVELY BY THE CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM.~~

1 ~~(4)~~ **(3)** EACH PUBLIC YEAR, EACH MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH
2 SCHOOL SHALL REVIEW AND UPDATE THE CARDIAC EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN EACH
3 YEAR RESPONSE PLAN REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

4 ~~(5)~~ ~~A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY INTEGRATE A CARDIAC EMERGENCY~~
5 ~~ACTION PLAN INTO AN EXISTING VENUE SPECIFIC EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN~~
6 ~~UNDER § 7-451 OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
8 1, 2024.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.