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SENATE BILL DRS45049-NHa-40

Short Title: AEDs and CPR in Schools.

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Sponsors: Senator Hanig (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PLACEMENT OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL
3 DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDS) IN SCHOOLS AND TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR
4 SCHOOL PERSONNEL ON THE USE OF AEDS AND CPR.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-12 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

7 "(50) Duty to Adopt Rules for Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs). – The
8 State Board of Education shall adopt rules for the installation, use, and
9 maintenance of AEDs in public school units. At a minimum, the rules shall
10 include provisions for the following:

- 11 a. Installation and placement of at least two AEDs in each school in a
12 public school unit, with one AED being placed in a location identified
13 by the State Board and one being placed in the school athletic facility
14 or area.
15 b. Implementation of an appropriate training course for public school
16 personnel in the use of AEDs, including the role of cardiopulmonary
17 resuscitation (CPR) and first aid.
18 c. Proper maintenance and testing of the AEDs.
19 d. Coordination with appropriate licensed professionals in the oversight
20 of training on the AEDs.
21 e. Coordination with local emergency medical systems regarding the
22 placement of AEDs in school buildings."

23 **SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

24 "(70) Use of Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs). – Local boards of education
25 shall develop policies for the installation, maintenance, and use of AEDs in
26 accordance with rules developed by the State Board of Education pursuant to
27 G.S. 115C-12(50)."

28 **SECTION 2.(b)** G.S. 115C-150.12C is amended by adding a new subdivision to

29 read:

30 "(37) Use of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs). – The board of trustees shall
31 develop policies for the installation, maintenance, and use of AEDs in
32 accordance with rules developed by the State Board of Education pursuant to
33 G.S. 115C-12(50)."

34 **SECTION 2.(c)** G.S. 115C-218.75 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:



1 "(p) Use of Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs). – Charter schools shall develop
2 policies for the installation, maintenance, and use of AEDs in accordance with rules developed
3 by the State Board of Education pursuant to G.S. 115C-12(50)."

4 **SECTION 2.(d)** G.S. 115C-238.66 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:
5 "(23) Use of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs). – Regional schools shall
6 develop policies for the installation, maintenance, and use of AEDs in
7 accordance with rules developed by the State Board of Education pursuant to
8 G.S. 115C-12(50)."

9 **SECTION 2.(e)** G.S. 116-11 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:
10 "(15) The Board of Governors shall develop policies for all public secondary
11 schools under the Board's jurisdiction for the installation, maintenance, and
12 use of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) in accordance with rules
13 developed by the State Board of Education pursuant to G.S. 115C-12(50)."

14 **SECTION 2.(f)** G.S. 115C-562.5(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:
15 "(7a) For any school facility in which students attend in-person classes, install and
16 maintain two automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) and provide training to
17 school staff on the proper use of AEDs. Schools are encouraged but not
18 required to use rules issued by the State Board of Education pursuant to
19 G.S. 115C-12(50) to guide the school's policy on the installation location of
20 the AEDs and staff training."

21 **SECTION 3.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
22 Public Instruction the sum of nine million two hundred thousand dollars (\$9,200,000) in
23 nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to be allocated by the Superintendent of Public
24 Instruction to the governing body of each public school unit in the amount of four thousand
25 dollars (\$4,000) per school in the public school unit for the purchase and installation of two AEDs
26 per school and training personnel on the proper use of the AEDs as required by this act.

27 **SECTION 3.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of
28 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of two million eight hundred thousand
29 dollars (\$2,800,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to be allocated to the
30 State Education Assistance Authority to be distributed to all nonpublic schools that accept
31 eligible students receiving scholarship grants in the amount of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) per
32 school for the purchase and installation of two AEDs per school and training personnel on the
33 proper use of AEDs as required by this act.

34 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2025, and applies beginning with
35 the 2025-2026 school year.