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HOUSE BILL DRH40463-NHa-42

Short Title: AEDs and CPR in Public Schools.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Gable.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PLACEMENT OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL
3 DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDS) IN ALL SCHOOLS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS AND TO
4 PROVIDE TRAINING FOR 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 one AED in each school in a
12 public school unit, placed in the school athletic facility or area.
13 b. Implementation of an appropriate training course for public school
14 personnel in the use of AEDs, including the role of cardiopulmonary
15 resuscitation (CPR) and first aid.
16 c. Proper maintenance and testing of the AEDs.
17 d. Coordination with appropriate licensed professionals in the oversight
18 of training on the AEDs.
19 e. Coordination with local emergency medical systems regarding the
20 placement of AEDs in school buildings."

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 **SECTION 2.(d)** G.S. 115C-238.66 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:



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1 "(23) Use of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs). – Regional schools shall
2 develop policies for the installation, maintenance, and use of AEDs in
3 accordance with rules developed by the State Board of Education pursuant to
4 G.S. 115C-12(50)."

5 **SECTION 2.(e)** G.S. 116-11 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

6 "(15) The Board of Governors shall develop policies for all public secondary
7 schools under the Board's jurisdiction for the installation, maintenance, and
8 use of AEDs in accordance with rules developed by the State Board of
9 Education pursuant to G.S. 115C-12(50)."

10 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
11 Public Instruction the sum of four million one hundred thousand dollars (\$4,100,000) in
12 nonrecurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to be allocated by the Superintendent of Public
13 Instruction on a first-come, first-served basis to governing bodies of public school units in an
14 amount sufficient to purchase and install one AED per school and train personnel on the proper
15 use of the AED as required by this act.

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