

1 AN ACT relating to the emergency medical preparedness of schools.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 158.162 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) As used in this section:

5 (a) "Emergency management response plan" or "emergency plan" means a  
6 written document to prevent, mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover  
7 from emergencies; and

8 (b) "First responders" means local fire, police, and emergency medical personnel.

9 (2) (a) Each local board of education shall require the school council or, if none  
10 exists, the principal in each school building in its jurisdiction to adopt an  
11 emergency plan. ***The emergency plan shall*** ~~to~~ include:

12 ***1.*** Procedures to be followed in case of ***medical emergency***, fire, severe  
13 weather, ~~or~~ earthquake, or ~~if~~ a building lockdown as defined in KRS  
14 158.164; ~~is required.~~

15 ***2. A written cardiac emergency response plan; and***

16 ***3.*** ~~(b) Following adoption, the emergency plan, along with~~ A diagram  
17 of the facility, ~~;~~ ***that clearly identifies the location of each automated***  
18 ***external defibrillator.***

19 ***(b) The emergency plan*** shall be provided to appropriate first responders ***and all***  
20 ***school staff.***

21 (c) The emergency plan shall be reviewed following the end of each school year  
22 by the ***school nurse***, school council, the principal, and first responders and  
23 ~~shall be~~ revised as needed.

24 (d) The principal shall discuss the emergency plan with all school staff prior to  
25 the first instructional day of each school year and ~~shall~~ document the time  
26 and date of any discussion.

27 (e) ***The cardiac emergency response plan shall be rehearsed by simulation***

1 *prior to the beginning of each athletic season by all:*

2 *1. Licensed athletic trainers, school nurses, and athletic directors; and*

3 *2. Interscholastic coaches and volunteer coaches of each athletic team*

4 *active during that athletic season.*

5 (f) The emergency plan ~~and diagram of the facility~~ shall be excluded from the  
6 application of KRS 61.870 to 61.884.

7 (3) Each local board of education shall require the school council or, if none exists, the  
8 principal in each school building to:

9 (a) Establish primary and secondary evacuation routes for all rooms located  
10 within the school and shall post the routes in each room by any doorway used  
11 for evacuation;

12 (b) Identify the best available severe weather safe zones, in consultation with  
13 local and state safety officials and informed by guiding principles set forth by  
14 the National Weather Service and the Federal Emergency Management  
15 Agency, and post the location of safe zones in each room of the school;

16 (c) Develop practices for students to follow during an earthquake; ~~and~~

17 (d) Develop and adhere to practices to control the access to each school building.

18 Practices shall include but not be limited to:

19 1. Controlling outside access to exterior doors during the school day;

20 2. Controlling the main entrance of the school with electronically locking  
21 doors, a camera, and an intercom system;

22 3. Controlling access to individual classrooms;

23 4. Requiring classroom doors to be equipped with hardware that allows the  
24 door to be locked from the outside but opened from the inside;

25 5. Requiring classroom doors to remain closed and locked during  
26 instructional time, except:

27 a. In instances in which only one (1) student and one (1) adult are in

- 1 the classroom; or
- 2 b. When approved in writing by the state school security marshal;
- 3 6. Requiring classroom doors with windows to be equipped with material
- 4 to quickly cover the window during a building lockdown;
- 5 7. Requiring all visitors to report to the front office of the building, provide
- 6 valid identification, and state the purpose of the visit; and
- 7 8. Providing a visitor's badge to be visibly displayed on a visitor's outer
- 8 garment;

9 **(e) Maintain a portable automated external defibrillator in a public, readily**

10 **accessible, well-marked location in every middle and high school building**

11 **and, as funds become available, at school-sanctioned middle and high**

12 **school athletic practices and competitions and:**

13 **1. Adopt procedures for the use of the portable automated external**

14 **defibrillator during an emergency;**

15 **2. Adopt policies for compliance with KRS 311.665 to 311.669 on**

16 **training, maintenance, notification, and communication with the local**

17 **emergency medical services system;**

18 **3. Ensure that a minimum of three (3) employees in the school and all**

19 **interscholastic athletic coaches be trained on the use of a portable**

20 **automated external defibrillator in accordance with KRS 311.667; and**

21 **4. Ensure that all interscholastic athletic coaches maintain a**

22 **cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification recognized by a national**

23 **accrediting body on heart health; and**

24 **(f) Require development of an event-specific emergency action plan for each**

25 **school-sanctioned nonathletic event held off-campus to be used during a**

26 **medical emergency, which may include the provision of a portable**

27 **automated external defibrillator. The plan shall:**

- 1           **1. Include a delineation of the roles of staff and emergency personnel,**  
 2           **methods of communication, any assigned emergency equipment**  
 3           **including a portable automated external defibrillator, a cardiac**  
 4           **emergency response plan, and access to and plan for emergency**  
 5           **transport; and**  
 6           **2. Be in writing and distributed to any member of school personnel**  
 7           **attending the school-sanctioned event in an official capacity.**

- 8           (4) All schools shall be in compliance with the provisions of subsection (3)(d) of this  
 9           section~~[as soon as practicable but]~~ no later than July 1, 2022.
- 10          (5) **(a)** Each local board of education shall require the principal in each public school  
 11          building in its jurisdiction to conduct, at a minimum, emergency response  
 12          drills to include:
- 13               **1.** One (1) severe weather drill, one (1) earthquake drill, and one (1)  
 14               lockdown drill within the first thirty (30) instructional days of each  
 15               school year and again during the month of January; **and**
- 16               **2. The emergency response plan rehearsal by simulation required by**  
 17               **subsection (2) of this section and the venue-specific emergency action**  
 18               **plan rehearsal by simulation required by subsection (5) of Section 4 of**  
 19               **this Act prior to the beginning of each athletic season.**
- 20          **(b)** Required fire drills shall be conducted according to administrative regulations  
 21          promulgated by the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction.  
 22          Whenever possible, first responders shall be invited to observe emergency  
 23          response drills.
- 24          (6) No later than November 1 of each school year, a local district superintendent shall  
 25          send verification to the Kentucky Department of Education that all schools within  
 26          the district are in compliance with the requirements of this section.
- 27          (7) A district with a school not in compliance with the requirements of subsection

1 (3)(d) of this section by July 1, 2022, shall not be eligible for approval by the  
2 Kentucky Department of Education for new building construction or expansion in  
3 the 2022-2023 school year and any subsequent year without verification of  
4 compliance, except for facility improvements that specifically address the school  
5 safety and security requirements of this section, when deemed necessary for the  
6 protection of student or staff health and safety, or to comply with other legal  
7 requirements or orders.

8 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO  
9 READ AS FOLLOWS:

10 *(1) By August 1 of each year, each school district shall report to the Kentucky*  
11 *Department of Education on the number of portable automated external*  
12 *defibrillators at each school within the district.*

13 *(2) By October 1 of each year, the Kentucky Department of Education shall publish a*  
14 *report on the number of portable automated external defibrillators in Kentucky*  
15 *public schools by school and school district to the department's website and*  
16 *submit the report to the General Assembly's Interim Joint Committee on*  
17 *Education and Interim Joint Committee on Health, Welfare, and Family*  
18 *Services.*

19 ➔Section 3. KRS 158.302 is amended to read as follows:

20 (1) The General Assembly hereby finds that training Kentucky students in  
21 cardiopulmonary resuscitation procedures will:

22 (a) Increase students' ability to respond to emergency situations at school, home,  
23 and public places;

24 (b) Benefit Kentucky communities by rapidly increasing the number of people  
25 ready to respond to sudden cardiac arrest, a leading cause of death in the  
26 United States; and

27 (c) Assist students in becoming responsible citizens consistent with the goals

1 established in KRS 158.6451.

2 (2) Every public high school shall provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation training to  
3 students as part of the health course or the physical education course that is required  
4 for high school graduation or the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps course  
5 that meets the physical education requirement. The training shall:

6 (a) Be based on the ~~[American Heart Association's guidelines for CPR and~~  
7 ~~Emergency Cardiovascular Care or other]~~ nationally recognized, evidenced-  
8 based guidelines **for cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification published**  
9 **by a national accrediting body on heart health;**

10 (b) Incorporate psychomotor skills training to support cognitive learning; and

11 (c) Make students aware of the purpose of an automated external defibrillator and  
12 its ease and safety of use.

13 (3) The training does not have to be provided by a certified instructor or result in  
14 students being certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

15 (4) A school administrator may waive the requirement that a student receive instruction  
16 under subsection (2) of this section if the student has a disability or is physically  
17 unable to perform the psychomotor skills component of the instruction required.

18 ~~[(5) This section shall not be construed to require a school to have an automated~~  
19 ~~external defibrillator on its premises, although having one available for emergencies~~  
20 ~~is encouraged.]~~

21 ➔SECTION 4. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO  
22 READ AS FOLLOWS:

23 **(1) There is hereby created a trust and agency account to be known as the School**  
24 **AED Fund to be administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, in**  
25 **collaboration with the Department of Education. Amounts deposited in the fund**  
26 **shall be used for the purpose of awarding needs-based grants to public schools**  
27 **for:**



1 course shall also be focused on safety education and shall not include  
2 coaching principles.

3 (b) The state board or its agency shall:

- 4 1. Establish a minimum timeline for a coach to complete the course;
- 5 2. Approve providers of a sports safety course;
- 6 3. Be responsible for ensuring that an approved course is taught by  
7 qualified professionals who shall either be athletic trainers, registered  
8 nurses, physicians, or physician's assistants licensed to practice in  
9 Kentucky;~~and~~
- 10 4. Establish the minimum qualifying score for successful course  
11 completion; and

12 **5. Require a coach to earn a cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification**  
13 **recognized by a national accrediting body on heart health.**

14 (c) A course shall be reviewed for updates at least once every thirty (30) months  
15 and revised if needed.

16 (d) A course shall be able to be completed through hands-on or online teaching  
17 methods in ten (10) clock hours or less.

18 (e) 1. A course shall include an end-of-course examination with a minimum  
19 qualifying score for successful course completion established by the  
20 board or its agency.

21 2. All coaches shall be required to take the end-of-course examination and  
22 shall obtain at least the minimum qualifying score.

23 (f) ~~[Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, and each year thereafter, ]~~At least  
24 one (1) person who has completed the course shall be at every interscholastic  
25 athletic practice and competition.

26 (2) (a) ~~[Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, and each year thereafter, ]~~The  
27 state board or its agency shall require each interscholastic coach to complete



1 training on how to recognize the symptoms of a concussion and how to seek  
2 proper medical treatment for a person suspected of having a concussion. The  
3 training shall be approved by the state board or its agency and may be  
4 included in the sports safety course required under subsection (1)(a) of this  
5 section.

6 (b) The board or its agency shall develop guidelines and other pertinent  
7 information or adopt materials produced by other agencies to inform and  
8 educate student athletes and their parents or legal guardians of the nature and  
9 risk of concussion and head injury, including the continuance of play after  
10 concussion or head injury. Any required physical examination and parental  
11 authorization shall include acknowledgement of the education information  
12 required under this paragraph.

13 (c) Upon request, the board or its agency shall make available to the public any  
14 training materials developed by the board or agency used to satisfy the  
15 requirements of paragraph (a) of this subsection. The board or its agency shall  
16 not be held liable for the use of any training materials so disseminated.

17 (3) (a) A student athlete suspected by an interscholastic coach, school athletic  
18 personnel, or contest official of sustaining a concussion during an athletic  
19 practice or competition shall be removed from play at that time and shall not  
20 return to play prior to the ending of the practice or competition until the  
21 athlete is evaluated to determine if a concussion has occurred. The evaluation  
22 shall be completed by a physician or a licensed health care provider whose  
23 scope of practice and training includes the evaluation and management of  
24 concussions and other brain injuries. A student athlete shall not return to play  
25 on the date of a suspected concussion absent the required evaluation.

26 (b) 1. Upon completion of the required evaluation, a coach:

27 a. May return a student athlete to play if the physician or licensed

1 health care provider determines that no concussion has occurred;  
 2 or

3 b. Shall not return a student athlete to play if the physician or  
 4 licensed health care provider determines that a concussion has  
 5 occurred.

6 2. If no physician or licensed health care provider described in paragraph  
 7 (a) of this subsection is present at the practice or competition to perform  
 8 the required evaluation, a coach shall not return a student athlete to play  
 9 who is suspected of sustaining a concussion. The student athlete shall  
 10 not be allowed to participate in any subsequent practice or athletic  
 11 competition unless written clearance from a physician is provided.

12 (c) A student athlete deemed to be concussed shall not return to participate in any  
 13 athletic practice or competition occurring on the day of the injury. The injured  
 14 student athlete shall not be allowed to participate in any subsequent practice  
 15 or athletic competition unless written clearance from a physician is provided.

16 (4) **The state board or its agency shall adopt rules governing interscholastic athletics**  
 17 **that encourage each school that participates in interscholastic athletics to provide**  
 18 **access to at least one (1) portable automated external defibrillator in a public,**  
 19 **readily accessible, well-marked location at each school-sanctioned athletic**  
 20 **practice or competition, including any practice or competition held off campus.**

21 **(5)** ~~[(a)]~~ The state board or its agency shall adopt rules governing interscholastic  
 22 athletics conducted by local boards of education to require each school that  
 23 participates in interscholastic athletics to develop a venue-specific emergency  
 24 action plan to deal with serious injuries and acute medical conditions in which the  
 25 condition of the patient may deteriorate rapidly. The plan shall:

26 ~~(a)~~ ~~[(1)]~~ Include a delineation of **the roles of staff and emergency**  
 27 **personnel** ~~[role]~~, methods of communication, available emergency equipment,

1 and access to and plan for emergency transport; ~~and~~

2 ~~(b)(2)~~ **If one is available, identify the location of a portable automated**  
 3 **external defibrillator and the procedures for its use during an emergency;**  
 4 **and**

5 ~~(c)~~ Be in writing, reviewed by the principal of the school, distributed to all  
 6 appropriate personnel, posted conspicuously at all venues, and reviewed  
 7 **annually** and rehearsed **by simulation prior to the beginning of each athletic**  
 8 **season**~~annually~~ by all:

9 **1.** Licensed athletic trainers, first responders, ~~coaches,~~ school nurses,  
 10 athletic directors;~~;~~ and

11 **2.** **Interscholastic coaches and volunteer coaches of each athletic team**  
 12 **active during that athletic season**~~volunteers for interscholastic~~  
 13 ~~athletics~~.

14 ~~(6)(b)~~ Each school shall submit annual written **certification**~~verification~~ **to the state**  
 15 **board or its agency** of the existence of a venue-specific emergency action plan **that**  
 16 **the school has reviewed and rehearsed by simulation as required by subsection**  
 17 **(5)(c) of this section**~~to the state board or its agency~~.

18 ~~(7)(5)~~ Each school shall maintain complete and accurate records of its compliance  
 19 with this section and shall make the records available for review by the state board  
 20 or its agency upon request.

21 ➔Section 6. The General Assembly hereby enacts this legislation in memory of  
 22 Cameron Batson, Matthew Mangine, Star Ifeacho, and all other Kentucky students whose  
 23 lives may have been saved by access to a portable automated external defibrillator.

24 ➔Section 7. In the event the Legislative Research Commission dissolves the  
 25 Interim Joint Committee on Health, Welfare, and Family Services and establishes another  
 26 interim joint committee with jurisdiction over health services, the reviser of statutes shall  
 27 change the name of the Interim Joint Committee on Health, Welfare, and Family Services

1 in Section 2 of this Act to that interim joint committee.