



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1350

Senate, May 8, 2025

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. OSTEN of the 19th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AND REQUIRING CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Not later than January 1, 2026,
2 the Department of Education shall, within available resources, establish
3 a grant program to award grants to local and regional boards of
4 education to offset the costs of implementing a cardiac emergency
5 response plan developed pursuant to section 10-212d of the general
6 statutes, including, but not limited to, costs incurred for the purchase
7 and maintenance of automated external defibrillators and training in the
8 use of such automated external defibrillators. Grants shall be awarded
9 (1) on a first-come, first-served basis to each such board of education,
10 except that priority shall be given to a board of education for the
11 purpose of implementing such plan in a priority school, as defined in
12 section 10-16p of the general statutes, and (2) in an amount prescribed
13 by the Commissioner of Education. On or before January 1, 2026, the
14 department shall post in a conspicuous location on its Internet web site

- 15 (A) a description of such grant program, including, but not limited to,
16 the amount of such grant available to such boards of education, and (B)
17 the application form for such grant program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section

ED *Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

APP

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The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Education, Dept.	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Various Local and Regional School Districts	Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill results in a cost to the State Department of Education (SDE) by establishing a grant program beginning in FY 26 for local and regional school districts to implement a cardiac emergency response plan (e.g., purchase and maintenance of automated external defibrillators). The bill does not provide any funding for this program. Any impact to school districts would depend on the provisions of the grant program.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to funding provided for the grant program.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 1350*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AND REQUIRING CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the State Department of Education (SDE) to create a grant program, within available resources, to give grants to local and regional boards of education (school boards) to offset the costs of implementing cardiac emergency response plans, including purchasing and maintaining automated external defibrillators (AED) and training on using them.

Under the bill, the SDE commissioner must award grants, in an amount she sets, on a first-come, first-served basis, except that priority must be given to priority schools (certain schools where at least 40% of the lunches served are to students eligible for free or reduced price lunches). By January 1, 2026, SDE must conspicuously post information about the grant program on its website, including the available grant amount and the application form.

By law, schools must develop emergency action plans for responding to people experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or similar life-threatening emergencies (1) while on school grounds, and (2) if the school has organized athletic programs, while attending or participating in athletic practices or events on school grounds. School boards must ensure that each school has an AED and trained school personnel accessible during operating hours, school-sponsored athletic practices and events on school grounds, and other after-hours school-sponsored events. But the law exempts school boards from complying with the AED and trained personnel requirements if federal, state, or private funding is unavailable (CGS § 10-212d).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference - APP
Yea 40 Nay 0 (03/12/2025)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 54 Nay 0 (04/24/2025)