

Public Safety and Security Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-7200

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING BLEEDING CONTROL TRAINING AND KITS.

Vote Date: 3/18/2025

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

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REASONS FOR BILL:

HB-7200 seeks to address the concerns of agencies employees who expressed that the buildings they work in have no requirement for a bleeding control kit to be present. The bill requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to conduct a training for government employees to alleviate these concerns and to provide overall peace of mind. It also requires the Department of Administrative Services to make a bleeding control kit available on each floor of each government building.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Commissioner Michelle Gilman Connecticut Department of Administrative Services](#)

Commissioner Gilman supports this bill but brings up a concern with the language "each building owned by the state" within the bill. The commissioner states that DAS does not have access or authority over all three branches of government in this state and the agency only manages 10% of the state portfolio. She is also concerned with lack of training required to

use these kits. Also, Mrs. Gilman recommends removing Sections 4 and 5. She states that first aid measures should not be regulated through the state building code.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Michael A Loiz CT EMS Advisory Board, Secretary.](#)

Mr. Loiz supports this bill because it would provide major safeguards to employee's health. In addition, it helps to educate staff and the provision of the kit will keep Connecticut in line with our neighboring states.

[Shea Gregg, MD](#)

Mrs. Gregg supports this bill because it would increase education on subjects like "Stop the Bleed" and others that have been emphatically supported by research and recommendations provided by the NIH and our state's trauma centers.

[Hemophilia Federation of America, Policy Director, Adam Alver](#)

Mr. Alver supports this bill and states that it will fill an unmet need in public spaces for rapid medical treatment and save lives. He states that Connecticut can advance itself as a frontrunner in public health, helping to establish a model for the rest of the nation in the event of public medical emergencies.

[St. Francis Hospital, Acute Care Surgeon, Ronald Gross, MD FACS:](#)

Mr. Gross supports this bill as in the wake of the tragic mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary in 2013. He states that programs like "Stop the Bleed" and others have expressed their need for legislation requiring such training and devices that would help in the application of first aid.

[Professor of Surgery, Lenworth Jacobs:](#)

Mr. Jacobs supports this bill given the threat posed by increasing instances of mass violence around the nation and the requisite need of programs like "Stop the Bleed" to save lives. Hence, these programs would educate people in becoming "Immediate Responders" to those near them in the case of a major bleeding event and hence, save as much blood in the injured parties body(s) as possible, thus improving chance of survival by a great deal.

[Connecticut American College of Surgeons, Chair, David Shapiro, MD, MHCM, FACS, FCCM:](#)

Mr. Shapiro supports this bill citing the testimony of "Stop the Bleed" and the need for more training and kits..

[MD, Alejandro Betancourt:](#)

Mr. Betancourt supports this bill and request for the implementation of such training in all middle and high schools across this state and the providing of bleeding aid kits in all public buildings.

[Connecticut General Assembly, Connecticut House of Representatives, Rep. Irene Hanies, 34th District:](#)

Representative Haines supports this bill citing the success of the "Stop the Bleed" training and the 40% of deaths caused by such sudden bleeding incidents.

[MD Shawna Kettyle:](#)

Mrs. Kettyle supports this bill due to the potential life-saving training and resources it makes available.

[New England Hemophilia Association, Executive Director, Richard Pezzillo:](#)

Mr. Pezzillo supports this bill because it provides aid for those suffering from bleeding disorders and traumatic incidents.

[Jonathan Weeks:](#)

Mr. Weeks supports this bill because it provides a life-saving program and resources to all public buildings and employees, thus improving our state's overall safety.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Expressed

Reported by: Tom Atwood

Date: 3/27/25