



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1350

LCO No. 5163



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF AUTOMATIC
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*) (a) Each local and regional
2 board of education shall develop a cardiac emergency response plan for
3 each school governed by such board to provide guidance in responding
4 to incidents of cardiac arrest. Such plan shall include, but need not be
5 limited to, (1) designation of school staff or administrators to respond to
6 such incidents and the training required for such staff or administrators,
7 and (2) the placement and maintenance of automatic external
8 defibrillators. Such plan shall be implemented at each school for which
9 such plan was developed. Such board of education may apply for and
10 accept gifts, grants, donations, assignments or transfers from public or
11 private sources to enable the implementation of such cardiac emergency
12 response plan in any school.

13 (b) The Department of Education shall conduct periodic assessments
14 to ensure compliance with a cardiac emergency response plan at each

15 public school in the state. Such assessment shall be conducted at such
16 times and in such manner as prescribed by the Commissioner of
17 Education.

18 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Not later than January 1, 2026,
19 the Department of Education shall establish a grant program to award
20 grants to local and regional boards of education to offset the costs of
21 implementing a cardiac emergency response plan developed pursuant
22 to section 1 of this act, including, but not limited to, costs incurred for
23 the purchase and maintenance of automatic external defibrillators and
24 training in the use of such automatic external defibrillators. Grants shall
25 be awarded (1) on a first-come, first-served basis to each such board of
26 education, except that a priority shall be given to a board of education
27 for the purpose of implementing such plan in a priority school, as
28 defined in section 10-16p of the general statutes, and (2) in an amount
29 prescribed by the Commissioner of Education. On or before January 1,
30 2026, the department shall post in a conspicuous location on its Internet
31 web site (A) a description of such grant program, including, but not
32 limited to, the amount of such grant available to such boards of
33 education, and (B) the application form for such grant program.

34 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2025*) The sum of five hundred twenty-one
35 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Education from
36 the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, for the grant
37 program established pursuant to section 2 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section

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Statement of Purpose:

To require (1) each board of education to develop a cardiac emergency response plan for each school governed by such board, and (2) the

Department of Education to establish a grant program to assist schools, with a priority given to priority schools, with implementing cardiac emergency response plans and a procedure for monitoring adherence to cardiac emergency response plans.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]