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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **HB 7200**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING BLEEDING CONTROL TRAINING AND KITS.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to administer a bleeding control training program in each district health department. The program must provide certification in bleeding control training and be offered at least once every three years, starting by July 1, 2026. To do so, the department may contract with a nongovernmental entity that provides this training.

The bill grants police officers, police probationary candidates, and firefighters who receive certification through the bleeding control training program credit for the training towards basic or review police training requirements and fire service training and education program standards, respectively.

Additionally, the bill requires the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) commissioner, by July 1, 2026, to ensure that at least one bleeding control kit is installed on each floor of every building the state or its political subdivisions own. Similarly, it requires the next amendments to the State Building Code to include a requirement that at least one bleeding control kit is installed on each floor of newly constructed or substantially renovated public buildings and other specified public locations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025, except the State Building Code provision is effective upon passage.

#### **BLEEDING CONTROL TRAINING PROGRAM**

The bill requires DESPP to administer a bleeding control training program in each district health department. The program must (1) use a training model developed by the American College of Surgeons' (ACS)

Committee on Trauma and (2) provide certification in bleeding control training that allows participants to provide bleeding control training to other people after completing the training program.

Under the bill, each district health director must determine the program's eligibility criteria. Participants must be members of the following groups within the district:

1. employees of the district health department, youth service bureaus, municipal social service agencies, and schools, and any other municipal employees;
2. employees and volunteers of youth-serving organizations and youth athletic activities operated by businesses, nonprofits, or a municipality; and
3. members of local police departments, local and regional school boards, and paid municipal or volunteer fire departments.

The bill requires at least one health district employee to receive certification in bleeding control through the training program.

It also allows school employees (e.g., teachers, administrators, paraeducators, nurses, and social workers) to participate in the bleeding control training program as part of an in-service training program already required by law.

Under the bill, anyone who completes the program and has a valid certification may provide bleeding control training to anyone listed in the groups above as well as the public.

## **BLEEDING CONTROL KIT LOCATIONS**

### ***State Buildings***

The bill requires the DAS commissioner, by July 1, 2026, to ensure that at least one bleeding control kit is installed on each floor level of every building the state or its political subdivisions own. The kit must be centrally located, clearly visible, and easily accessible.

Under the bill, a "bleeding control kit" is a set of materials used to

give first aid to a person suffering from a serious bleed, including tourniquets, chest seals, compression bandages, bleeding control bandages, emergency blankets, latex-free gloves, markers, and scissors. It also includes instructional documents developed by ACS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, or a similar organization or agency that describes methods to prevent blood loss following a traumatic event.

***Public Buildings***

The bill requires the state building inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee to jointly, with the DAS commissioner's approval, include in the State Building Code's next adopted amendments (after the bill passes) a requirement that at least one bleeding control kit is installed on each floor of a newly constructed or substantially renovated (1) public building, (2) place of public accommodation, and (3) resort or amusement. The kit must be centrally located, clearly visible, and easily accessible.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea    29    Nay   0    (03/18/2025)