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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1643

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS
AT CERTAIN SCHOOL-SPONSORED SPORTING EVENTS AND ON
CAMPUSES OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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DEFIBRILLATORS AT CERTAIN SCHOOL-
SPONSORED SPORTING EVENTS AND ON CAMPUSES
OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-10-122(a), concerning automated external defibrillators required on school campuses, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to require that:

(A) Each school campus have an automated external defibrillator; ~~and~~

(B) Appropriate school personnel be adequately trained on an ongoing basis; and

(C) Each school-sponsored sporting event for grades seven through twelve (7-12) have an automated external defibrillator at the school-sponsored sporting event.

(2) To enhance the potential life-saving capability of each automated external defibrillator, the rules shall include without limitation



provisions regarding the availability of the school's automated external defibrillator at school-related activities, such as athletic events.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 60, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-60-119. Automated external defibrillators required – Automated external defibrillator and cardiopulmonary resuscitation programs.

(a) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in collaboration with all public university and community college presidents and chancellors or their designees, shall develop and adopt rules to require:

(A) An automated external defibrillator to be placed in appropriate locations across each institution of higher education campus as determined by rule;

(B) Appropriate personnel be adequately trained on an ongoing basis; and

(C) Each institution of higher education-sponsored sporting event have an automated external defibrillator at the institution of higher education-sponsored sporting event.

(b) The board, after consultation with the Department of Health, shall develop rules based on guidelines for automated external defibrillator and cardiopulmonary resuscitation training that incorporates at least the following:

(1) Healthcare provider oversight, including planning and review of the selection, placement, and maintenance of automated external defibrillators;

(2) Appropriate training of anticipated rescuers in the use of the automated external defibrillator and in cardiopulmonary resuscitation;

(3) Testing of psychomotor skills based on the American Heart Association scientific guidelines, standards, and recommendations for the use of the automated external defibrillator, as they existed on January 1, 2023, and for providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation as published by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross as they existed on January 1, 2023, or equivalent course materials;

(4) Coordination with the emergency medical services system; and

(5) An ongoing quality improvement program to monitor training and evaluate response with each use of the automated external defibrillator.

(c) Automated external defibrillator and cardiopulmonary resuscitation training shall count fully toward the existing professional development requirements for personnel.

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