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SYNOPSIS

Requires acquisition of defibrillators for use in public and nonpublic high schools and training of certain personnel in usage.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

AN ACT concerning the use of defibrillators and supplementing chapter 40 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. a. Each school district in the State shall acquire for each high school in the district, and each nonpublic high school shall acquire, at least one automated external defibrillator as defined in section 2 of P.L.1999, c.34 (C.2A:62A-24). Each high school shall maintain the defibrillator in a central location within the building and ensure its availability during the normal school day and for those athletic events in which the high school is the home team and for any team practice or intramural athletic event that occurs at the school. The school district and nonpublic school shall ensure that each defibrillator is tested and maintained and shall provide notification to the appropriate first aid, ambulance or rescue squad or other appropriate emergency medical services provider regarding the defibrillator, the type acquired, and its location in accordance with section 3 of P.L.1999, c.34 (C.2A:62A-25).

b. Each school district and nonpublic school shall arrange for training in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and the use of a defibrillator for the school nurse and the athletic trainer who is a staff member at the high school or other designated staff member at the school in accordance with the provisions of section 3 of P.L.1999, c.34 (C.2A:62A-25). The school district and nonpublic school shall ensure that the school nurse, the athletic trainer, other designated staff member, or a first aid, ambulance, or rescue squad member or other appropriate emergency medical services provider, certified pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1999, c.34 (C.2A:62A-25), is available to respond as necessary during the normal school day and at those high school sporting events in which the high school is the home team, or at any team practice or intramural athletic event that occurs at the school.

c. A school district or nonpublic high school and its employees shall be immune from civil liability in the acquisition and use of defibrillators pursuant to the provisions of section 5 of P.L.1999, c.34 (C.2A:62A-27).

2. The State Board of Education shall adopt, in accordance with the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410

(C.52:14B-1 et seq.), rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill requires each school district in the State to acquire for each high school in the district, and each nonpublic high school to acquire, at least one automated external defibrillator. The high school would maintain the defibrillator in a central location within the building and ensure its availability during the normal school day and for those athletic events in which the high school is the home team and for any team practice or intramural athletic event that occurs at the school. The school district and nonpublic school must ensure that each defibrillator is tested and maintained and must provide notification to the appropriate first aid, ambulance or rescue squad or other appropriate emergency medical services provider regarding the defibrillator, the type acquired, and its location.

In addition, each school district and nonpublic school must arrange for training in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and the use of a defibrillator for the school nurse and the athletic trainer who is a staff member at the high school or other designated staff member at the school. The school district and nonpublic school must also ensure that the school nurse, the athletic trainer, other designated staff member, or first aid, ambulance, or rescue squad member or other appropriate emergency medical services provider, certified pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1999, c34 (C.2A:62A-25), is available to respond as necessary during the normal school day and at those high school sporting events in which the high school is the home team, or at any team practice or intramural athletic event that occurs at the school.

The bill specifies that a school district or nonpublic high school and its employees would be immune from civil liability in the acquisition and use of defibrillators pursuant to the provisions of section 5 of P.L.1999, c.34 (C.2A:62A-27).