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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," in certification of teachers,
6 repealing provisions relating to CPR instruction; in school
7 safety and security, further providing for School Safety and
8 Security Grant Program; and, in school health services,
9 further providing for definitions, repealing provisions
10 relating to automatic external defibrillators, providing for
11 AED and CPR instruction and procedure, establishing the
12 Automated External Defibrillator Program and providing for
13 availability and specifications of automated external
14 defibrillators.

15 This act shall be known and may be cited as Greg Moyer's Law.

16 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
17 hereby enacts as follows:

18 Section 1. Section 1205.4 of the act of March 10, 1949
19 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
20 repealed:

21 [Section 1205.4. CPR Instruction.--(a) School entities
22 shall be required to offer a cardiopulmonary resuscitation
23 training (CPR) class on school premises at least once every
24 three years. The course shall be offered as an option to all

1 employes of the school entity.

2 (b) Completion of training, including testing of skills and
3 knowledge, shall be documented by the signature and title of a
4 representative of the training entity and shall include the date
5 training was completed. Documentation shall be retained in the
6 facility in that employe's file. Training shall be conducted by:

7 (1) the American Red Cross;

8 (2) the American Heart Association;

9 (3) an individual certified to conduct CPR training by the
10 American Red Cross, American Heart Association or other
11 certifying agency approved by the Department of Health; or

12 (4) other certifying agency approved by the Department of
13 Health.

14 (c) School districts may include this training in the
15 continuing education plan submitted by the district to the
16 Department of Education under section 1205.1.

17 (d) For purposes of this section, a school entity shall be
18 defined as a local school district, intermediate unit or area
19 career and technical school.]

20 Section 2. Section 1306-B(h) (4) of the act is amended and
21 the subsection is amended by adding paragraphs to read:

22 Section 1306-B. School Safety and Security Grant Program.

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24 (h) School Safety and Security Fund.--

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26 (4) The fund may only be used for the grant programs
27 authorized under this article and for providing automated
28 external defibrillators and training under section 1423.2 and
29 no money in the fund may be transferred or diverted to any
30 other purpose by administrative action.

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2 (14) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during
3 fiscal years 2025-2026 through 2029-2030, not less than 2.5%
4 of the money in the fund APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND IN THAT <--
5 FISCAL YEAR shall be transferred to the department for the
6 purchase of or providing discounts for automated external
7 defibrillators under section 1423.2. Any amount of the money
8 transferred by the commission to the department that is
9 unexpended, uncommitted or unencumbered by the department by
10 September 30 of each succeeding fiscal year must be returned
11 to the fund.

12 (15) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during
13 fiscal years 2025-2026 through 2029-2030, not less than 2.5%
14 of the money in the fund APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND IN THAT <--
15 FISCAL YEAR shall be used for training grants for automated
16 external defibrillators under section 1423.2 to school
17 entities and nonpublic schools. Any amount of money that is
18 unexpended, uncommitted or unencumbered by the commission by
19 September 30 of each succeeding fiscal year must be returned
20 by the fund.

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22 Section 3. Section 1401 of the act is amended by adding a
23 definition to read:

24 Section 1401. Definitions.--As used in this article--

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26 (17) "Automated external defibrillator" or "AED" means a
27 portable device that uses electric shock to restore a stable
28 heart rhythm to an individual in cardiac arrest.

29 Section 4. Section 1423 of the act is repealed:

30 [Section 1423. Automatic External Defibrillators.--(a) The

1 department shall establish an automatic external defibrillator
2 program to assist school entities and nonpublic schools in
3 making automatic external defibrillators available in school
4 buildings.

5 (b) On a biennial basis, the department, in consultation
6 with the Department of General Services and the Department of
7 Health, shall issue an invitation to bid for the cost of
8 automatic external defibrillators and other equipment and
9 supplies necessary for the proper operation of the device. The
10 department shall accept the bid of the lowest responsible bidder
11 and permit any school entity or nonpublic school to purchase the
12 devices at the contract bid price. The department may purchase
13 automatic external defibrillators from any funds appropriated
14 pursuant to subsection (k) for distribution to school entities
15 and nonpublic schools.

16 (c) To be eligible to obtain or purchase automatic external
17 defibrillators under the program a school entity or nonpublic
18 school must:

19 (1) Assure that two (2) or more persons assigned to the
20 location where the automatic external defibrillator will be
21 primarily housed are trained as required in subsection (d).

22 (2) Ensure that the device will be secured in a safe and
23 readily accessible location and agree to properly maintain and
24 test the device according to the manufacturer's operational
25 guidelines.

26 (3) Submit a valid prescription for the device from a
27 licensed medical practitioner in this Commonwealth.

28 (4) Agree to provide the training required by subsection
29 (d).

30 (d) School personnel who are expected to use the automatic

1 external defibrillator shall complete training in
2 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and in the use of an automatic
3 external defibrillator provided by the American Heart
4 Association, the American Red Cross or through an equivalent
5 course of instruction approved by the Department of Health.

6 (e) A school entity may include the training required by
7 subsection (d) in its continuing professional education plan
8 submitted to the department under section 1205.1.

9 (f) The provisions of 42 Pa.C.S. § 8331.2 (relating to good
10 Samaritan civil immunity for use of automated external
11 defibrillator) shall apply to school employes who render care
12 with an automatic external defibrillator.

13 (g) From funds appropriated for this purpose, the department
14 may assist school entities and nonpublic schools that are not
15 equipped with automatic external defibrillators by providing a
16 discount from the contract bid price obtained under subsection
17 (b) or by providing automatic external defibrillators obtained
18 under subsection (b).

19 (g.1) The purchase of an automatic external defibrillator
20 shall be considered an allowable use of Pennsylvania
21 Accountability Grants under section 2599.2(b).

22 (g.2) The purchase of automatic external defibrillators
23 shall be considered an innovative educational program under
24 Article XVII-F of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known
25 as the "Tax Reform Code of 1971."

26 (h) (Reserved).

27 (i) Not later than June 30, 2014, and each year thereafter,
28 each school entity shall make a report to the department
29 detailing the number, condition, age and placement of automatic
30 external defibrillators in each school building. After the

1 initial report is made, a school entity may report this
2 information as part of the annual report required by the
3 Commonwealth under section 2505.1 to receive State reimbursement
4 for health services.

5 (i.1) A nonpublic school that participates in the automatic
6 external defibrillator program under subsection (b) or (g) shall
7 be subject to the reporting required under subsection (i).

8 (i.2) The department shall annually publish a report on its
9 publicly accessible Internet website no later than December 31,
10 2014, and each year thereafter. The report shall contain the
11 following information:

12 (1) The total number of automatic external defibrillators by
13 school entity and nonpublic school.

14 (2) The number of school buildings by school entity and
15 nonpublic school that are equipped with automatic external
16 defibrillators.

17 (3) The number of school buildings by school entity and
18 nonpublic school that are not equipped with automatic external
19 defibrillators.

20 (j) The department may adopt guidelines as necessary to
21 administer this section.

22 (k) The General Assembly may appropriate funds to carry out
23 the provisions of this section.

24 (l) As used in this section--

25 "Automatic external defibrillator" means a portable device
26 that uses electric shock to restore a stable heart rhythm to an
27 individual in cardiac arrest.

28 "Department" means the Department of Education of the
29 Commonwealth.

30 "Nonpublic school" means a nonprofit school, other than a

1 public school within this Commonwealth, wherein a resident of
2 this Commonwealth may legally fulfill the compulsory school
3 attendance requirements of this act and which meets the
4 applicable requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of
5 1964 (Public Law 88-352, 78 Stat. 241).

6 "School building" means a building owned by or under the
7 control of a school entity or nonpublic school where classes are
8 taught or extracurricular activities are conducted on a regular
9 basis.

10 "School entity" means an area career and technical school, a
11 charter school, a cyber charter school, an intermediate unit or
12 a school district.

13 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Education of the
14 Commonwealth.]

15 Section 5. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

16 Section 1423.1. AED and CPR Instruction and Procedure.--(a)
17 Each school entity and nonpublic school shall make available to
18 it's employes and volunteers instruction in the principles and
19 techniques of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an
20 automated external defibrillator on school premises at least
21 once every two years. The following apply:

22 (1) The instruction shall be offered as an option to all
23 school entity employes and volunteers.

24 (2) The instruction shall be conducted by any of the
25 following:

26 (i) The American Red Cross.

27 (ii) The American Heart Association.

28 (iii) National Safety Council.

29 (iv) An individual certified to conduct CPR training by the
30 American Red Cross, American Heart Association or other

1 certifying agency approved by the Department of Health.

2 (v) Another certifying agency approved by the Department of
3 Health.

4 (3) A school entity and nonpublic school may provide the
5 instruction under this section through the Internet or other
6 electronic means.

7 (b) The following apply to AED locations and training:

8 (1) Each school entity and nonpublic school that
9 participates in interscholastic athletics, as defined in section
10 1602-A, shall ensure that at each AED location there are
11 individuals trained and certified in CPR and in the use of an
12 AED by an entity listed under subsection (a) (2).

13 (2) Training must be completed and certification maintained
14 in the use of an AED in accordance with this section.

15 (3) Each school entity and nonpublic school that
16 participates in interscholastic athletics shall ensure that the
17 individuals trained in the use of an AED have access to the AED
18 on the premises of the school entity and nonpublic school.

19 (c) The following apply to continuing education
20 requirements:

21 (1) A school entity may include the training under this
22 section in the continuing education plan submitted to the
23 department under section 1205.1.

24 (2) Satisfying the education requirements of this section
25 shall also satisfy the education requirements under section
26 1425(d).

27 (d) Completion of training under this section, including the
28 testing of skills and knowledge, shall be documented by the
29 signature and title of a representative of the training entity
30 and shall include the date that the training was completed. The

1 documentation shall be retained by the school entity and
2 nonpublic school in the file of the employe or volunteer that
3 completed the training.

4 (e) The department, in consultation with the Department of
5 Health, shall develop guidelines and materials that will assist
6 school entities and nonpublic schools in the development of a
7 cardiac emergency response plan. The department shall make the
8 guidelines and materials available online.

9 (f) The following apply to a cardiac emergency response
10 plan:

11 (1) Each school entity and nonpublic school that
12 participates in interscholastic athletics shall develop or amend
13 an existing cardiac emergency response plan that includes:

14 (i) Nationally recognized evidence-based core elements or
15 standards.

16 (ii) An annual review.

17 (iii) Safety procedures to follow in response to a medical
18 emergency involving cardiac arrest and the use of an AED.

19 (iv) The placement of AEDs on school premises and athletic
20 fields.

21 (v) The number of individuals who must receive training.

22 (2) The cardiac emergency response plan of each school
23 entity AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOL shall:

24 (i) Provide cardiac awareness information to be distributed
25 annually to school entity and nonpublic school employes and
26 those responsible for extracurricular activities, community
27 group activities, summer or other programs using the facilities
28 of the school entity.

29 (ii) Require conducting annual sudden cardiac arrest drills
30 with or without the participation of students to test the

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1 cardiac emergency response plan in response to a sudden cardiac
2 arrest.

3 (g) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
4 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless
5 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

6 "CPR" means cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

7 "Department" means the Department of Education of the
8 Commonwealth.

9 "Nonpublic school" means a nonprofit school, other than a
10 public school within this Commonwealth, at which a resident of
11 this Commonwealth may legally fulfill the compulsory school
12 attendance requirements of this act and which meets the
13 applicable requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of
14 1964 (Public Law 88-352, 42 U.S.C. § 2000 et seq.).

15 "School entity" means a school district, charter school,
16 regional charter school, cyber charter school, intermediate unit
17 or area career and technical school.

18 "Volunteer" means an individual who holds an unpaid position
19 with a school entity or nonpublic school as a volunteer for a
20 program, activity or service and is responsible for the welfare
21 of children or has direct volunteer contact.

22 Section 1423.2. Automated External Defibrillator Program.--

23 (a) The department shall establish the Automated External
24 Defibrillator Program to assist school entities and nonpublic
25 schools in making AEDs available in school buildings.

26 (b) On a biennial basis, the department, in consultation
27 with the Department of General Services and the Department of
28 Health, shall issue an invitation to bid for the cost of AEDs
29 and other equipment and supplies necessary for the proper
30 operation of the device. The department shall accept the bid of

1 the lowest responsible bidder and permit any school entity or
2 nonpublic school to purchase the devices at the contract bid
3 price. The department may provide AEDs from any money made
4 available under section 1306-B(h) (4) and (13) for distribution
5 to school entities and may loan the AEDs free of charge to
6 nonpublic schools.

7 (c) To be eligible to obtain, purchase or loan AEDs under
8 the program, a school entity or nonpublic school must:

9 (1) Comply with the provisions in section 1423.1.

10 (2) Ensure that the AED will be secured in a safe and
11 readily accessible location and agree to properly maintain and
12 test the device according to the manufacturer's operational
13 guidelines.

14 (d) The provisions of 42 Pa.C.S. § 8331.2 (relating to good
15 Samaritan civil immunity for use of automated external
16 defibrillator) shall apply to school entity and nonpublic school
17 employees who render care with an AED.

18 (e) From money made available for this purpose under section
19 1306-B(h) (4) and (13), the department may assist school entities
20 and nonpublic schools that are not equipped with the necessary
21 number of AEDs by providing a discount from the contract bid
22 price obtained under subsection (b) or by providing or loaning
23 AEDs under subsection (b).

24 (f) The purchase of an AED shall be considered an allowable
25 use of Pennsylvania Accountability Grants under section
26 2599.2 (b).

27 (g) The purchase of AEDs shall be considered an innovative
28 educational program under Article XX-B.

29 (h) The purchase of AEDs shall be considered an eligible
30 school safety and security expense in section 1306-B(j).

1 (i) The department may accept donations, including donations
2 of equipment, for use in providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation
3 and AED instruction to students, employes and volunteers at
4 school entities and nonpublic schools. The following apply:

5 (1) The department shall geographically distribute any
6 donations to school entities and nonpublic schools for the
7 purpose of CPR and AED instruction under section 1423.1.

8 (2) A school entity or nonpublic school may accept from the
9 department donations received under this subsection for use in
10 providing instruction to students, school employes and
11 volunteers in the principles and techniques of CPR and operating
12 an AED. A school entity or nonpublic school may accept other
13 donations, including donations of equipment, for use in
14 providing the instruction.

15 (3) To the extent that resources are available to a school
16 entity or nonpublic school under this section, the school entity
17 or nonpublic school may make available instruction to students
18 in the principles and techniques of CPR and operating an AED.

19 (4) A school entity or nonpublic school may use resources
20 other than those made available under this section to make
21 available instruction to students, school employes and
22 volunteers in the principles and techniques of CPR and operating
23 an AED.

24 (j) The following apply to reports:

25 (1) Not later than June 30, 2026, and each year thereafter,
26 each school entity and nonpublic school shall make a report to
27 the department detailing the number, condition, age, expiration
28 date and placement of AEDs in each school building of the school
29 entity or nonpublic school.

30 (2) The department shall annually publish a report on its

1 publicly accessible Internet website no later than June 30,
2 2026, and each year thereafter. The report shall contain the
3 following information:

4 (i) The total number of AEDs by school entity and nonpublic
5 school.

6 (ii) The number of school buildings by school entity and
7 nonpublic school that are equipped and not equipped with AEDs.

8 (iii) The number of athletic staff by school entity and
9 nonpublic school that are equipped and not equipped with AEDs.

10 (k) The department may adopt guidelines as necessary to
11 administer this section.

12 (l) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
13 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless
14 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

15 "CPR" means cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

16 "Department" means the Department of Education of the
17 Commonwealth.

18 "Nonpublic school" means as defined in section 1423.1.

19 "Program" means the Automated External Defibrillator Program
20 established under this section.

21 "School building" means a building owned by or under the
22 control of a school entity or nonpublic school where classes are
23 taught or extracurricular activities are conducted on a regular
24 basis.

25 "School entity" means as defined in section 1423.1.

26 Section 1423.3. Availability and Specifications of Automated
27 External Defibrillators.--(a) Each school entity and nonpublic
28 school that participates in interscholastic athletics, as
29 defined in section 1602-A, shall have an automated external
30 defibrillator situated in such a manner that is readily

1 accessible for students participating in interscholastic
2 athletics and practices.

3 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed as
4 establishing any liability for or a cause of action against a
5 school entity or nonpublic school or its officers or employes.

6 (c) The provisions of 42 Pa.C.S. § 8331.2 (relating to good
7 Samaritan civil immunity for use of automated external
8 defibrillator) shall apply to school entity or nonpublic school
9 employes who render care with an AED.

10 (d) Each school entity or nonpublic school shall ensure that
11 each AED is properly tested and maintained in accordance with
12 the manufacturer's operational guidelines. Each AED in a school
13 entity or nonpublic school shall meet the most recent minimum
14 specifications as required by the Department of Health.

15 (e) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
16 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless
17 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

18 "Nonpublic school" means as defined in section 1423.1.

19 "School entity" means as defined in section 1423.1.

20 Section 6. School entities and nonpublic schools shall
21 comply, as applicable, with the addition of sections 1423.1 and
22 1423.3 of the act no later than five years after the effective
23 date of this section.

24 Section 7. This act shall take effect immediately.