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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 20 repealed: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 shall be transferred to the  
5 department for the purchase of or providing discounts for  
6 automated external defibrillators under section 1423.2. Any  
7 amount of the money transferred by the commission to the  
8 department that is unexpended, uncommitted or unencumbered by  
9 the department by September 30 of each succeeding fiscal year  
10 must be returned to the fund.

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

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

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

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

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 Section 1423 of the act is repealed:

28 [Section 1423. Automatic External Defibrillators.--(a) The  
29 department shall establish an automatic external defibrillator  
30 program to assist school entities and nonpublic schools in

1 making automatic external defibrillators available in school  
2 buildings.

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

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

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

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

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

26 (4) Agree to provide the training required by subsection  
27 (d).

28 (d) School personnel who are expected to use the automatic  
29 external defibrillator shall complete training in  
30 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and in the use of an automatic

1 external defibrillator provided by the American Heart  
2 Association, the American Red Cross or through an equivalent  
3 course of instruction approved by the Department of Health.

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

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

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

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

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

24 (h) (Reserved).

25 (i) Not later than June 30, 2014, and each year thereafter,  
26 each school entity shall make a report to the department  
27 detailing the number, condition, age and placement of automatic  
28 external defibrillators in each school building. After the  
29 initial report is made, a school entity may report this  
30 information as part of the annual report required by the

1 Commonwealth under section 2505.1 to receive State reimbursement  
2 for health services.

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

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

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

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

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

18 (j) The department may adopt guidelines as necessary to  
19 administer this section.

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

22 (l) As used in this section--

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

26 "Department" means the Department of Education of the  
27 Commonwealth.

28 "Nonpublic school" means a nonprofit school, other than a  
29 public school within this Commonwealth, wherein a resident of  
30 this Commonwealth may legally fulfill the compulsory school

1 attendance requirements of this act and which meets the  
2 applicable requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of  
3 1964 (Public Law 88-352, 78 Stat. 241).

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

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

11 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Education of the  
12 Commonwealth.]

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

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

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

22 (2) The instruction shall be conducted by any of the  
23 following:

24 (i) The American Red Cross.

25 (ii) The American Heart Association.

26 (iii) National Safety Council.

27 (iv) An individual certified to conduct CPR training by the  
28 American Red Cross, American Heart Association or other  
29 certifying agency approved by the Department of Health.

30 (v) Another certifying agency approved by the Department of

1 Health.

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

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

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

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

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

17 (c) The following apply to continuing education  
18 requirements:

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

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

25 (d) Completion of training under this section, including the  
26 testing of skills and knowledge, shall be documented by the  
27 signature and title of a representative of the training entity  
28 and shall include the date that the training was completed. The  
29 documentation shall be retained by the school entity and  
30 nonpublic school in the file of the employe or volunteer that

1 completed the training.

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

7 (f) The following apply to a cardiac emergency response  
8 plan:

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

12 (i) Nationally recognized evidence-based core elements or  
13 standards.

14 (ii) An annual review.

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

17 (iv) The placement of AEDs on school premises and athletic  
18 fields.

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

20 (2) The cardiac emergency response plan of each school  
21 entity shall:

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

27 (ii) Require conducting annual sudden cardiac arrest drills  
28 with or without the participation of students to test the  
29 cardiac emergency response plan in response to a sudden cardiac  
30 arrest.

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

4 "CPR" means cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

5 "Department" means the Department of Education of the  
6 Commonwealth.

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

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

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

20 Section 1423.2. Automated External Defibrillator Program.--

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

24 (b) On a biennial basis, the department, in consultation  
25 with the Department of General Services and the Department of  
26 Health, shall issue an invitation to bid for the cost of AEDs  
27 and other equipment and supplies necessary for the proper  
28 operation of the device. The department shall accept the bid of  
29 the lowest responsible bidder and permit any school entity or  
30 nonpublic school to purchase the devices at the contract bid

1 price. The department may provide AEDs from any money made  
2 available under section 1306-B(h)(4) and (13) for distribution  
3 to school entities and may loan the AEDs free of charge to  
4 nonpublic schools.

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

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

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

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

16 (e) From money made available for this purpose under section  
17 1306-B(h)(4) and (13), the department may assist school entities  
18 and nonpublic schools that are not equipped with the necessary  
19 number of AEDs by providing a discount from the contract bid  
20 price obtained under subsection (b) or by providing or loaning  
21 AEDs under subsection (b).

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

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

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

29 (i) The department may accept donations, including donations  
30 of equipment, for use in providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation

1 and AED instruction to students, employes and volunteers at  
2 school entities and nonpublic schools. The following apply:

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

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

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

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

22 (j) The following apply to reports:

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

28 (2) The department shall annually publish a report on its  
29 publicly accessible Internet website no later than June 30,  
30 2026, and each year thereafter. The report shall contain the

1 following information:

2 (i) The total number of AEDs by school entity and nonpublic  
3 school.

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

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

8 (k) The department may adopt guidelines as necessary to  
9 administer this section.

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

13 "CPR" means cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

14 "Department" means the Department of Education of the  
15 Commonwealth.

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

17 "Program" means the Automated External Defibrillator Program  
18 established under this section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 Section 7. This act shall take effect immediately.