

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0115

Cardiac events in schools-planning and training.

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Senator(s) Dockstader, Landen, Nethercott
and Schuler

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; requiring school districts to
2 develop cardiac emergency response plans as specified;
3 providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective
4 date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-3-138 is created to read:

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10 **21-3-138. Cardiac emergency response plans; athletic**
11 **cardiac emergency response plans.**

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13 (a) Each school district board of trustees shall
14 develop a cardiac emergency response plan as provided in

1 this section. The cardiac emergency response plan shall
2 apply to each school in the district, including any charter
3 school. The cardiac emergency response plan shall:

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5 (i) Address the appropriate use of school
6 personnel to respond to incidents involving a person
7 experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar
8 life-threatening emergency while on school property;

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10 (ii) Integrate evidence-based elements into the
11 response plan as recommended by the American heart
12 association standards or other nationally recognized,
13 evidence-based standards focused on emergency
14 cardiovascular care;

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16 (iii) Include requirements for the availability
17 and use of automatic external defibrillators which shall:

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19 (A) Specify appropriate automatic external
20 defibrillator placement in every school in accordance with
21 the American heart association standards or other
22 nationally recognized, evidence-based standards focused on
23 emergency cardiovascular care;

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2 (B) Require each automatic external
3 defibrillator to be identified with appropriate signage and
4 made available in an unlocked location on school property
5 that is able to be placed on a victim in not more than
6 three (3) minutes;

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8 (C) Require each automatic external
9 defibrillator to be tested and maintained according to the
10 manufacturer's operational guidelines;

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12 (D) Require each school to provide notice
13 to the appropriate first aid, ambulance or other
14 appropriate emergency medical care provider as defined
15 under W.S. 19-13-202(a)(i) regarding the automatic external
16 defibrillator including the type acquired and its location
17 in the school.

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19 (iv) Require school nurses and other appropriate
20 school personnel to obtain and maintain training in first
21 aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic
22 external defibrillator use. Training under this paragraph

1 shall be consistent with national evidence-based emergency
2 cardiovascular care guidelines.

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4 (b) Each school district board of trustees shall
5 develop an athletic cardiac emergency response plan as
6 provided in this section. The athletic cardiac emergency
7 response plan shall apply to each school in the district,
8 including any charter school, that has an athletic
9 department or organized athletic program. The athletic
10 cardiac emergency response plan shall:

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12 (i) Address the appropriate use of school
13 personnel to respond to incidents involving a person
14 experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar
15 life-threatening emergency while attending or participating
16 in an athletic practice, game or event while on school
17 property;

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19 (ii) Integrate evidence-based elements into the
20 response plan as recommended by the American heart
21 association standards or other nationally recognized,
22 evidence-based standards focused on emergency
23 cardiovascular care;

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2 (iii) Specify procedures for each athletic venue
3 in the district, which shall be rehearsed annually;

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5 (iv) Be distributed to all athletics staff
6 members and any other necessary school personnel and shall
7 also be made available to any health care professionals
8 that provide medical services during games, practices or
9 other events;

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11 (v) Include requirements for the availability
12 and use of automatic external defibrillators which shall:

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14 (A) Require an automated external
15 defibrillator to be clearly marked and easily accessible in
16 an unlocked location at each athletic venue and event. The
17 automated external defibrillator shall be accessible during
18 the school day and during any school sponsored athletic
19 event or practice if pupils of the school are
20 participating;

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1 (B) Require each automatic external
2 defibrillator to be tested and maintained according to the
3 manufacturer's operational guidelines;
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5 (C) Require each school to provide notice
6 to the appropriate first aid, ambulance or other
7 appropriate emergency medical care provider as defined
8 under W.S. 19-13-202(a)(i) regarding the automatic external
9 defibrillator including the type acquired and its location
10 in the athletic venue.
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12 (vi) Require all athletic coaches and other
13 appropriate personnel to obtain and maintain training in
14 first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and
15 automatic external defibrillator use. Training under this
16 paragraph shall be consistent with national evidence-based
17 emergency cardiovascular care guidelines.
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19 **Section 2.** W.S. 21-3-110(a) by creating a new
20 paragraph (xlv) is amended to read:
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22 **21-3-110. Duties of boards of trustees.**
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1 (a) The board of trustees in each school district
2 shall:

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4 (xlv) Commencing with school year 2026-2027,
5 adopt policies, procedures and rules necessary to implement
6 the provisions of W.S. 21-3-138 related to acute cardiac
7 events in schools and athletic events and providing for the
8 availability of automatic external defibrillators.

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10 **Section 3.** There is appropriated fifty thousand
11 dollars (\$50,000.00) from the public school foundation
12 program account to the department of education-school
13 finance to provide funding to school districts to implement
14 cardiac emergency response plans and athletic cardiac
15 emergency response plans as required by section 1 of this
16 act for school years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028. School
17 districts shall be reimbursed based on actual costs to
18 implement the plans that are submitted to the department of
19 education-school finance, provided that, to the extent that
20 funds appropriated under this section are insufficient to
21 reimburse each school district for their costs to implement
22 the plans, priority for reimbursement shall be given to
23 school districts with a higher percentage of students

1 within the district who are eligible to participate in the
2 free and reduced price lunch program. This appropriation
3 shall be for the period beginning with the effective date
4 of this act and ending June 30, 2028. This appropriation
5 shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose
6 and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
7 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
8 2028. It is the intent of the legislature that the
9 appropriation in this section be included in the standard
10 budget of the department of education-school finance for
11 the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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13 **Section 4.** This act is effective immediately upon
14 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
15 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
16 Constitution.

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18 (END)