

AN ACT

relating to instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, the availability and use of automated external defibrillators at certain school campuses and athletic events, and the creation of a cardiovascular screening pilot program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 5.001, Education Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (6-a) to read as follows:

(6-a) "Private school" means a school that:

(A) offers a course of instruction for students in one or more grades from prekindergarten through grade 12; and

(B) is not operated by a governmental entity.

SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 7.026, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The agency may accept donations, including donations of equipment, for use in providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) instruction to students. The agency:

(1) shall distribute the donations to school districts for the purpose of providing ~~[that provide]~~ CPR instruction to students under Sections 28.0023 and ~~[Section]~~ 29.903; and

(2) may use a portion of the donations to the extent necessary to pay administrative expenses related to the donations.

SECTION 3. Subchapter Z, Chapter 22, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 22.902 to read as follows:

1       Sec. 22.902. INSTRUCTION RELATED TO CARDIOPULMONARY  
2 RESUSCITATION AND USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR. (a) A  
3 school district shall annually make available to district employees  
4 and volunteers instruction in the principles and techniques of  
5 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external  
6 defibrillator, as defined by Section 779.001, Health and Safety  
7 Code.

8       (b) The instruction provided in the use of an automated  
9 external defibrillator must meet guidelines for automated external  
10 defibrillator training approved under Section 779.002, Health and  
11 Safety Code.

12       (c) Each school nurse, assistant school nurse, athletic  
13 coach or sponsor, physical education instructor, marching band  
14 director, cheerleading coach, and any other school employee  
15 specified by the commissioner and each student who serves as an  
16 athletic trainer must participate in the instruction in the use of  
17 an automated external defibrillator. A person described by this  
18 subsection must receive and maintain certification in the use of an  
19 automated external defibrillator from the American Heart  
20 Association, the American Red Cross, or a similar nationally  
21 recognized association.

22       (d) The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to  
23 implement this section.

24       (e) This subsection applies only to a private school that  
25 receives an automated external defibrillator from the agency or  
26 receives funding from the agency to purchase or lease an automated  
27 external defibrillator. A private school shall adopt a policy

1 under which the school makes available to school employees and  
2 volunteers instruction in the principles and techniques of  
3 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external  
4 defibrillator. The policy must comply with the requirements  
5 prescribed by this section and commissioner rules adopted under  
6 this section, including the requirements prescribed by Subsection  
7 (c).

8 SECTION 4. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is  
9 amended by adding Section 28.0023 to read as follows:

10 Sec. 28.0023. CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND AUTOMATED  
11 EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR INSTRUCTION. (a) In this section,  
12 "automated external defibrillator" has the meaning assigned by  
13 Section 779.001, Health and Safety Code.

14 (b) The State Board of Education by rule shall include  
15 elements relating to instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
16 and the use of an automated external defibrillator as part of the  
17 essential knowledge and skills of the health curriculum under  
18 Section 28.002(a)(2)(B).

19 (c) This subsection applies only to a private school that  
20 receives an automated external defibrillator from the agency or  
21 receives funding from the agency to purchase or lease an automated  
22 external defibrillator. A private school shall provide instruction  
23 to students in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an  
24 automated external defibrillator in a manner consistent with the  
25 requirements of this section and State Board of Education rules  
26 adopted under this section.

27 SECTION 5. Subsection (a), Section 29.903, Education Code,

1 is amended to read as follows:

2 (a) A school district [~~that provides instruction to~~  
3 ~~students in the principles and techniques of cardiopulmonary~~  
4 ~~resuscitation (CPR)] may accept from the agency donations the  
5 agency receives under Section 7.026 for[~~. The district must~~] use  
6 [~~those donations~~] in providing instruction to students in the  
7 principles and techniques of CPR. A district may accept other  
8 donations, including donations of equipment, for use in providing  
9 the instruction.~~

10 SECTION 6. Subchapter A, Chapter 38, Education Code, is  
11 amended by adding Sections 38.017, 38.018, and 38.019 to read as  
12 follows:

13 Sec. 38.017. AVAILABILITY OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL  
14 DEFIBRILLATOR. (a) Each school district shall make available at  
15 each campus in the district at least one automated external  
16 defibrillator, as defined by Section 779.001, Health and Safety  
17 Code. A campus defibrillator must be readily available during any  
18 University Interscholastic League athletic competition held on the  
19 campus. In determining the location at which to store a campus  
20 defibrillator, the principal of the campus shall consider the  
21 primary location on campus where students engage in athletic  
22 activities.

23 (b) To the extent practicable, each school district, in  
24 cooperation with the University Interscholastic League, shall make  
25 reasonable efforts to ensure that an automated external  
26 defibrillator is available at each University Interscholastic  
27 League athletic practice held at a district campus. If a school

1 district is not able to make an automated external defibrillator  
2 available in the manner provided by this subsection, the district  
3 shall determine the extent to which an automated external  
4 defibrillator must be available at each University Interscholastic  
5 League athletic practice held at a district campus. The  
6 determination must be based, in addition to any other appropriate  
7 considerations, on relevant medical information.

8 (c) Each school district, in cooperation with the  
9 University Interscholastic League, shall determine the extent to  
10 which an automated external defibrillator must be available at each  
11 University Interscholastic League athletic competition held at a  
12 location other than a district campus. The determination must be  
13 based, in addition to any other appropriate considerations, on  
14 relevant medical information and whether emergency services  
15 personnel are present at the athletic competition under a contract  
16 with the school district.

17 (d) Each school district shall ensure the presence at each  
18 location at which an automated external defibrillator is required  
19 under Subsection (a), (b), or (c) of at least one campus or district  
20 employee trained in the proper use of the defibrillator at any time  
21 a substantial number of district students are present at the  
22 location.

23 (e) A school district shall ensure that an automated  
24 external defibrillator is used and maintained in accordance with  
25 standards established under Chapter 779, Health and Safety Code.

26 (f) This section does not:

27 (1) waive any immunity from liability of a school

1 district or its officers or employees;

2 (2) create any liability for or a cause of action  
3 against a school district or its officers or employees; or

4 (3) waive any immunity from liability under Section  
5 74.151, Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

6 (g) This subsection applies only to a private school that  
7 receives an automated external defibrillator from the agency or  
8 receives funding from the agency to purchase or lease an automated  
9 external defibrillator. A private school shall:

10 (1) make available at the school at least one  
11 automated external defibrillator; and

12 (2) in coordination with the Texas Association of  
13 Private and Parochial Schools, adopt a policy concerning the  
14 availability of an automated external defibrillator at athletic  
15 competitions and practices in a manner consistent with the  
16 requirements prescribed by this section, including the training and  
17 maintenance requirements prescribed by this section.

18 (h) A school district may seek and accept gifts, grants, or  
19 other donations to pay the district's cost of purchasing automated  
20 external defibrillators required under this section.

21 Sec. 38.018. PROCEDURES REGARDING RESPONSE TO CARDIAC  
22 ARREST. (a) Each school district and private school shall develop  
23 safety procedures for a district or school employee or student to  
24 follow in responding to a medical emergency involving cardiac  
25 arrest, including the appropriate response time in administering  
26 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, using an automated external  
27 defibrillator, as defined by Section 779.001, Health and Safety

1 Code, or calling a local emergency medical services provider.

2 (b) A private school is required to develop safety  
3 procedures under this section only if the school receives an  
4 automated external defibrillator from the agency or receives  
5 funding from the agency to purchase or lease an automated external  
6 defibrillator.

7 Sec. 38.019. CARDIOVASCULAR SCREENING PILOT PROGRAM.

8 (a) In this section, "pilot program" means the cardiovascular  
9 screening pilot program.

10 (b) The commissioner shall establish a pilot program under  
11 which sixth grade students at participating campuses are  
12 administered a cardiovascular screening, including an  
13 electrocardiogram and an echocardiogram.

14 (c) The commissioner shall select campuses to participate  
15 in the pilot program. In selecting campuses, the commissioner  
16 shall ensure that the cardiovascular screening is administered to  
17 an ethnically diverse range of students.

18 (d) The commissioner may accept grants and donations for use  
19 in administering the pilot program.

20 (e) The commissioner shall require a participating campus  
21 to provide the results of a student's cardiovascular screening to  
22 the student's parent or guardian.

23 (f) Each campus selected to participate in the pilot program  
24 shall provide a summary of the results of the cardiovascular  
25 screenings to the commissioner in a manner that does not identify  
26 specific students. Not later than January 1, 2009, the  
27 commissioner shall prepare and deliver to each member of the

1 legislature a report summarizing the results of the cardiovascular  
2 screenings. This subsection expires June 1, 2009.

3 (g) The commissioner may adopt rules necessary to  
4 administer this section.

5 SECTION 7. Subchapter B, Chapter 44, Education Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 44.047 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 44.047. PURCHASE OR LEASE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL  
8 DEFIBRILLATOR. (a) A school district or private school that  
9 purchases or leases an automated external defibrillator, as defined  
10 by Section 779.001, Health and Safety Code, shall ensure that the  
11 automated external defibrillator meets standards established by  
12 the federal Food and Drug Administration.

13 (b) A private school that purchases or leases an automated  
14 external defibrillator is required to comply with the requirements  
15 of this section only if the school receives funding from the agency  
16 to purchase or lease the automated external defibrillator.

17 SECTION 8. Subsection (b), Section 29.903, Education Code,  
18 is repealed.

19 SECTION 9. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this Act,  
20 this Act applies beginning with the 2007-2008 school year.

21 (b) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules relating  
22 to instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an  
23 automated external defibrillator in accordance with Section  
24 28.0023, Education Code, as added by this Act, not later than March  
25 1, 2008. The rules shall require each school district and  
26 open-enrollment charter school to provide instruction in  
27 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external



1 defibrillator beginning with the 2008-2009 school year.

2 (c) Each private school to which Subsection (c), Section  
3 28.0023, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies shall  
4 provide instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of  
5 an automated external defibrillator as required by that section  
6 beginning with the 2008-2009 school year.

7 (d) The State Board of Education is not required to review  
8 and adopt textbooks for the health curriculum to comply with the  
9 requirements of Section 28.0023, Education Code, as added by this  
10 Act, until those textbooks are otherwise scheduled for review and  
11 adoption under the cycle adopted under Section 31.022, Education  
12 Code.

13 SECTION 10. This Act takes effect immediately if it  
14 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each  
15 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.  
16 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate  
17 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of the Senate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 7 passed the Senate on March 19, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 24, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 7 passed the House, with amendments, on May 22, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 148, Nays 0, one present not voting.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor