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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in critical medical  
2 emergencies, each minute matters. Long-term injury, brain  
3 damage, and even death can occur within just a few minutes in  
4 some types of emergencies. Whether it is a student choking or a  
5 teacher experiencing cardiac arrest, help provided within four  
6 minutes, rather than eight minutes, can save a life.

7           The legislature further finds that while the department of  
8 education currently has basic emergency response guidance, there  
9 is a gap between the guidance provided to "administer first aid"  
10 and the training and preparedness of personnel in the case of an  
11 unforeseen critical medical emergency.

12           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to supplement the  
13 department of education's emergency procedures guide,  
14 RS 10-0431, by requiring that each public school's  
15 administration and public charter school's administration  
16 appoint any member of the staff to be a critical emergency  
17 response team member.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to part III, subpart F, to be  
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

4 "§302A- Critical emergency response. (a) Each public  
5 school shall establish a critical emergency response team that  
6 shall consist of critical emergency response team members.

7 (b) Each critical emergency response team member shall:

8 (1) Maintain active certifications in first aid,  
9 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and automated external  
10 defibrillator from organizations approved by the  
11 department; provided that any certification more than  
12 two years old shall not be valid for purposes of this  
13 paragraph; and

14 (2) Respond in good faith when activated.

15 (c) For purposes of this section:

16 "Critical emergency" means a situation in which a person is  
17 in immediate danger of loss of life, including from cardiac  
18 arrest, choking, or uncontrolled bleeding.

19 "First aid" means lifesaving help given in a critical  
20 emergency, including providing abdominal thrusts when someone is  
21 choking, performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation when someone



1 is unconscious and does not have a pulse, or applying pressure  
2 or a tourniquet in an uncontrolled bleeding."

3 SECTION 3. Chapter 302D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
5 and to read as follows:

6 "§302D- Critical emergency response. (a) Each public  
7 charter school shall establish a critical emergency response  
8 team that shall consist of critical emergency response team  
9 members.

10 (b) Each critical emergency response team member shall:

11 (1) Maintain active certifications in first aid,  
12 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and automated external  
13 defibrillator from organizations approved by the  
14 department; provided that any certification more than  
15 two years old shall not be valid for purposes of this  
16 paragraph; and

17 (2) Respond in good faith when activated.

18 (c) For purposes of this section:

19 "Critical emergency" means a situation in which a person is  
20 in immediate danger of loss of life, including from cardiac  
21 arrest, choking, or uncontrolled bleeding.



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 2 emergency, including providing abdominal thrusts when someone is  
 3 choking, performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation when someone  
 4 is unconscious and does not have a pulse, or applying pressure  
 5 or a tourniquet in an uncontrolled bleeding."

6           SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
 7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
 8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
 9 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
 10 year 2024-2025 for public schools to implement critical  
 11 emergency response teams.

12           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
 13 of education for the purposes of this Act.

14           SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
 15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
 16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
 17 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
 18 year 2024-2025 for public charter schools to implement critical  
 19 emergency response teams.

20           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the state public  
 21 charter school commission for the purposes of this Act.



- 1 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.
- 2 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



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**Report Title:**

Critical Emergency Response; DOE; Charter Schools; Safety;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires each department of education school and public charter school to establish a critical emergency response team. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)

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