
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding two new sections to part II, subpart C, to be
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

4 "§302A- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated
5 external defibrillators; training. (a) Beginning with the
6 2025-2026 school year, the department of education shall
7 establish a cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external
8 defibrillator training program using a program that:

9 (1) Has been developed by the American Heart Association
10 or American Red Cross or is a nationally recognized
11 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external
12 defibrillator training program; and

13 (2) Is based on the most current, national, evidence-
14 based, emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for
15 the performance of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and
16 the use of an automated external defibrillator.



1 (b) The cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated
2 external defibrillator training program shall:

3 (1) Be conducted in all public middle, intermediate, and
4 high schools in the State and made available to all
5 students in grades six through twelve; and

6 (2) Be incorporated as an activity within the school's
7 existing health or physical education curriculum.

8 (c) The training program shall include hands-on practicing
9 of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external
10 defibrillator use.

11 (d) All courses taught pursuant to this section that
12 result in certification shall be taught by a certified
13 cardiopulmonary resuscitation or automated external
14 defibrillator instructor; provided that a certified
15 cardiopulmonary resuscitation or automated external
16 defibrillator instructor shall not be required to facilitate or
17 oversee the instruction of any course taught pursuant to this
18 section that does not result in certification.

19 (e) A public middle, intermediate, or high school may
20 wave the requirement for instruction pursuant to this section
21 for any student who is unable to participate in hands-on



1 practicing of cardiopulmonary resuscitation or the operation of
2 an automated external defibrillator by reason of disability.

3 (f) Neither the department nor any of its agencies,
4 boards, members, personnel, designees, agents, contractors, or
5 volunteers shall be liable in civil damages to any party for any
6 act or omission of any act relating to the provision of,
7 participation in, or implementation of the components of the
8 training program or protocol required by this section unless
9 that act or omission amounts to gross negligence, wilful and
10 wanton conduct, or intentional wrongdoing.

11 §302A- Cardiac emergency response plan; establishment.

12 (a) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, each public
13 elementary, middle, intermediate, and high school in the State
14 shall establish a cardiac emergency response plan that
15 establishes specific steps necessary to reduce death from
16 cardiac arrest.

17 (b) The cardiac emergency response plan shall include
18 evidence-based standards and core elements that are nationally
19 recognized, evidence-based standards and core elements or have
20 been developed by the American Heart Association. The cardiac



1 emergency response plan shall include, at minimum, the following
2 core elements:

3 (1) Establishment of a cardiac emergency response team;

4 (2) Activation of a cardiac emergency response team in
5 response to a sudden cardiac event;

6 (3) Placement and routine maintenance of automated
7 external defibrillators on school grounds;

8 (4) Identification of staff to receive initial and ongoing
9 training in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation,
10 and automated external defibrillator use; provided
11 that:

12 (A) Appropriate staff includes but is not limited to
13 school nurses, coaches, and athletic trainers;
14 and

15 (B) The training shall follow evidence-based
16 guidelines established by the American Heart
17 Association or other national recognized
18 evidence-based emergency care guidelines;

19 (5) Practice drills, including the use of applicable
20 equipment; and



1 (6) The appropriate use of school personnel to respond to
2 incidents involving an individual experiencing sudden
3 cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening cardiac
4 emergency while on school grounds.

5 (c) The cardiac emergency response plan shall be provided
6 to all teachers and shall be prominently placed at appropriate
7 locations throughout the school campus.

8 (d) School officials shall work directly with local
9 emergency service providers to integrate the cardiac emergency
10 plan with the appropriate emergency medical service."

11 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, requires the Department of Education to establish a cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator training program for public school students in grades six through twelve as part of existing health or physical education curriculum. Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, requires the establishment of a cardiac emergency response plan in all public elementary, middle, intermediate, and high schools in the State.

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