



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 1803

PRINTER'S NO: 3925

PRIME SPONSOR: Siptroth

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12
General Fund	\$0	\$0

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 1803 amends the Public School Code of 1949 (school code) to further provide for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) instruction, cardiac arrest response procedures, donations related to CPR, automated external defibrillator (AED) instruction and CPR instruction, availability of AEDs, and repeal of existing AED language in the school code.

This bill adds language stating that school entities must make instruction on CPR and the use of AED available once every three years to all employees and volunteers. The bill also requires that each AED location in a school entity has at least five persons trained and certified in the use of an AED and that a minimum of one trained staff person is in the immediate vicinity of the location of the AED during school hours. Mandatory training and certification in the use of an AED is required of certain school employees and other employees as specified by the Secretary of Education. Training must be conducted by a specific institution as outlined in the bill.

Nonpublic school and private schools that receive an AED from the Department of Education or funding from a certifying agency to purchase/lease an AED must adopt a policy that complies with the instruction and techniques of CPR and the use of AED.

The Department of Education (PDE) is authorized to accept donations, including equipment, in support of CPR and AED training and to distribute the donations to school entities. School entities are also authorized to directly accept donations, including equipment, for use in providing the required instruction. To the extent that donated resources are available, school entities shall make instruction available to students in the principles of CPR and operation of AED.

Every school entity, nonpublic or private school shall have at least one AED in each occupied building on the school's premises at all times and shall ensure that every AED is properly tested/maintained and meets minimum specification required by the Department of Health.

When a school entity uses its facility for its own school-sponsored or school-approved interscholastic athletics, the school entity shall make an AED available and provide at least one school employee who is trained and certified at each athletic event.

The bill does not create or waive any legal liability or immunity on the part of the school entity, its officers, or employees

This bill shall take effect in 60 days. School entities, nonpublic schools and private schools shall comply no later than three years after the effective date.

ANALYSIS:

PDE is authorized to accept donations for this program and to distribute the donations to school entities. A portion of the donations may be retained by PDE to pay for administrative expenses related to the programs; therefore, enactment of this bill will have no adverse impact on commonwealth funds.

Local school entities may experience cost to implement the requirements of this bill. Specific cost is not quantifiable as it is dependent upon what current programs and equipment are already available at each school building, as well as what donations each entity may receive in the future.

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