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AN ACT

1 Providing for grants to public, private and parochial schools to
2 purchase automated external defibrillators; providing for
3 powers and duties of the Department of Health; and making an
4 appropriation.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Purpose.

8 The purpose of this act is to encourage public, private and
9 parochial schools to purchase automated external defibrillators
10 because schools are gathering places for the public and
11 automated external defibrillators could be useful at school and
12 community events to safeguard the lives of citizens.

13 Section 2. Grants.

14 The Department of Health is authorized to make grants to
15 school districts and private and parochial schools enrolling
16 children up through grade 12 for the purchase price of a maximum
17 of two automated external defibrillators for use in each
18 district or school. The grant amounts shall not exceed 50% or
19 \$1,500 of the purchase price of each automated external

1 defibrillator.

2 Section 3. Terms of grants.

3 The recipients of a grant shall enter into an agreement with
4 the Department of Health. The agreement shall include, but not
5 be limited to, the following terms and conditions:

6 (1) Expected automated external defibrillator users
7 shall be trained to utilize available means to immediately
8 contact and activate the emergency medical services system.

9 (2) Expected automated external defibrillator users
10 shall be trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation through a
11 course of instruction provided by the American Red Cross or
12 the American Heart Association or through an equivalent
13 course of instruction approved by the Department of Health in
14 consultation with a technical committee of the Pennsylvania
15 Emergency Health Services Council.

16 (3) Expected automated external defibrillator users
17 shall complete training in the use of an automated external
18 defibrillator through a course of instruction provided by the
19 American Red Cross or the American Heart Association or
20 through an equivalent course of instruction approved by the
21 Department of Health in consultation with a technical
22 committee of the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services
23 Council.

24 (4) Recipient districts and schools shall maintain and
25 test the automated external defibrillator according to the
26 manufacturer's operational guidelines.

27 (5) Recipient districts and schools shall notify
28 emergency medical services personnel of the presence of an
29 automated external defibrillator and assure that any
30 appropriate data or information is made available to

1 emergency medical services personnel or other health care
2 providers as requested.

3 Section 4. Regulations.

4 The Department of Health is authorized to promulgate rules
5 and regulations to carry out the provisions of this act.

6 Section 5. Appropriation.

7 The sum of \$1,503,000, or as much thereof as may be
8 necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of Health to
9 carry out the provisions of this act.

10 Section 6. Effective date.

11 This act shall take effect in 60 days.