

I am preparing to introduce legislation that will require the governing body of each public school entity to convene a public hearing and to vote concerning whether to acquire automatic external defibrillators for school buildings.

Automatic external defibrillators, or AEDs, are not required in public school buildings under current law. My proposal would not require public schools entities to acquire AEDs. Rather, my bill would require each public school entity to convene a public hearing to consider whether the school entity will acquire an AED and to invite representatives of the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross to participate in the hearing. My proposal also would require the governing body of each public school entity by majority vote at a public meeting. Further, my bill would require each public school entity that acquires an AED to comply with specific training requirements and would afford civil immunity to school employees who render care with an AED.

Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.