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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An  
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain  
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial  
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the  
5 laws relating thereto," providing for public hearing and vote  
6 on acquisition of automatic external defibrillators.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known  
10 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a  
11 section to read:

12 Section 1423.1. Public Hearing and Vote On Acquisition of  
13 Automatic External Defibrillators.--(a) Within ninety (90) days  
14 of the effective date of this section, the governing body of  
15 each school entity shall convene a public hearing to consider  
16 whether the school entity will acquire an automatic external  
17 defibrillator for each school building of the school entity.  
18 Representatives of the American Heart Association or the  
19 American Red Cross shall be invited to participate in the public  
20 hearing.

1 (b) Within ninety (90) days of the public hearing convened  
2 pursuant to subsection (a), the governing body of each school  
3 entity shall approve or disapprove a resolution to acquire an  
4 automatic external defibrillator for each school building of the  
5 school entity by majority vote at a public meeting of the  
6 governing body.

7 (c) Section 1423(c), (d), (e) and (f) shall apply to a  
8 school entity that acquires an automatic external defibrillator.

9 (d) As used in this section--

10 "Automatic external defibrillator" shall have the meaning set  
11 forth in section 1423(k).

12 "School entity" means an area vocational-technical school, a  
13 charter school, a cyber charter school, an intermediate unit or  
14 a school district.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.