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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for school emergency medical  
3 training and establishing the School Emergency Medical  
4 Training Program and the School Emergency Medical Training  
5 Fund.

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

8 Section 1. Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
9 Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 53A

11 SCHOOL EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRAINING

12 Sec.

13 53A01. Definitions.

14 53A02. School Emergency Medical Training Program.

15 53A03. School Emergency Medical Training Fund.

16 § 53A01. Definitions.

17 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter

18 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the

1 context clearly indicates otherwise:

2 "Bleeding control." The methods and protocols recognized by  
3 the Stop the Bleed campaign that are used to help stop an  
4 individual from bleeding.

5 "Department." The Department of Health of the Commonwealth.

6 "Professional employee." As defined in section 1101(1) of  
7 the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public  
8 School Code of 1949.

9 "Program." The School Emergency Medical Training Program  
10 established under section 53A02(a) (relating to School Emergency  
11 Medical Training Program).

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

15 "Stop the Bleed campaign." The national awareness campaign  
16 administered by Federal agencies, nonprofit organizations and  
17 corporations to encourage individuals to become trained,  
18 equipped and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency.

19 § 53A02. School Emergency Medical Training Program.

20 (a) Establishment.--The School Emergency Medical Training  
21 Program is established.

22 (b) Administration.--The program shall be administered by  
23 the department for the purposes specified under this section.

24 (c) Grants.--The department shall issue annual grants to a  
25 school entity to:

26 (1) Purchase bleeding control equipment.

27 (2) Provide bleeding control training to professional  
28 employees, including training on the use of bleeding control  
29 equipment purchased under paragraph (1).

30 (d) Application procedures.--The department shall, by

1 regulation, promulgate procedures, rules and forms necessary to  
2 implement the program.

3 (e) Application form.--An application shall be made to the  
4 department in the form and manner as the department promulgates  
5 by regulation.

6 (f) Regulations.--The department shall promulgate  
7 regulations to determine the protocols for:

8 (1) Training, including the use of bleeding control bags  
9 and application of tourniquets. Training shall be conducted  
10 in two-hour to four-hour classes. Refresher training shall be  
11 offered at least twice a year. The department shall consider  
12 utilizing or modeling the training methods used by the Stop  
13 the Bleed campaign.

14 (2) The amount and type of equipment and recommended  
15 placement of equipment in school entities.

16 (3) Training for individuals conducting the localized  
17 training for professional employees.

18 § 53A03. School Emergency Medical Training Fund.

19 (a) Establishment.--The School Emergency Medical Training  
20 Fund is established as a special nonlapsing fund in the State  
21 Treasury.

22 (b) Appropriation.--All money deposited into the fund and  
23 the interest the fund accrues are appropriated to the department  
24 on a continuing basis to award grants under this chapter.

25 (c) Administrative action prohibition.--No administrative  
26 action shall prevent the deposit of money into the fund in the  
27 fiscal year in which the money is received.

28 (d) Use.--The fund may only be used for the grant program  
29 authorized under this chapter and no money in the fund may be  
30 transferred or diverted to any other purpose by administrative

1 action.

2 (e) Sources.--Money available to the fund shall include  
3 appropriations and transfers from the General Fund, special  
4 funds, Federal funds and other sources of revenue made available  
5 to the fund.

6 (f) Allocation.--Money from the fund shall be allocated for  
7 the purpose of making grants under this chapter no later than  
8 October 31, 2021, and each October 31 thereafter.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.