

SENATE, No. 1973

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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SYNOPSIS

Requires local recreation departments, youth serving organizations, and camps to have defibrillators for youth athletic events, and public schools to train pupils in defibrillator use and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning automated external defibrillators and cardio-
2 pulmonary resuscitation, and supplementing Title 18A of the
3 New Jersey Statutes and Titles 5 and 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, or
9 regulation to the contrary, beginning on September 1, 2014, the
10 board of education of a public school district that includes any of
11 the grades 6 through 12 shall:

12 a. provide instruction in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation as part
13 of the curriculum each year for grades 6 through 12; and

14 b. provide instruction in the use of an automated external
15 defibrillator as part of the curriculum each year for grades 9 through
16 12.

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18 2. The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
19 Commissioner of Health, and in accordance with the
20 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
21 seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations as may be necessary to
22 implement section 1 of this act.

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24 3. a. Beginning September 1, 2014, a municipal or county
25 recreation department and a nonprofit youth serving organization as
26 defined in section 1 of P.L.1999, c.432 (C.15A:3A-1) including, but
27 not limited to, Little Leagues, Babe Ruth Leagues, Pop Warner
28 Leagues, Police Athletic Leagues, and youth soccer leagues, which
29 organizes, sponsors, or is otherwise affiliated with youth athletic
30 events that are played on municipal, county, school, or other
31 publicly-owned fields, shall ensure that there is available on site an
32 automated external defibrillator, as defined in section 2 of
33 P.L.1999, c.34 (C.2A:62A-24), at each youth athletic event and
34 practice held on the department's or organization's home field.

35 The recreation department or youth serving organization shall
36 designate one or more umpires or coaches, as applicable, who will
37 be present at the athletic event or practice, to be responsible for
38 ensuring that the defibrillator is available on site at the event and
39 practice. The designated umpire or coach shall be trained in cardio-
40 pulmonary resuscitation and the use of the defibrillator in
41 accordance with the provisions of section 3 of P.L.1999, c.34
42 (C.2A:62A-25).

43 b. A recreation department or youth serving organization shall
44 be deemed to be in compliance with the requirements of this section
45 if a State-certified emergency services provider or other certified
46 first responder is on site at the athletic event or practice and has a
47 defibrillator available for use on site.

1 c. A recreation department or youth serving organization and
2 its employees and volunteer umpires and coaches shall be immune
3 from civil liability in the acquisition and use of a defibrillator
4 pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1999, c.34 (C.2A:62A-27).

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6 4. a. Beginning September 1, 2014, a youth camp operating
7 pursuant to P.L.1973, c.375 (C.26:12-1 et seq.) shall ensure that
8 there is available on site an automated external defibrillator, as
9 defined in section 2 of P.L.1999, c.34 (C.2A:62A-24), within
10 reasonable proximity of the camp's athletic fields or other indoor or
11 outdoor athletic facilities. For the purposes of this section,
12 "reasonable proximity" means that the automated external
13 defibrillator is able to be retrieved and applied in under three
14 minutes.

15 The youth camp shall designate one or more counselors or other
16 staff members who will be present at the athletic field or facility
17 when campers are participating in athletic activities, to be
18 responsible for ensuring that the defibrillator is available on site at
19 the field or facility. The designated counselor or staff member shall
20 be trained in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and the use of the
21 defibrillator in accordance with the provisions of section 3 of
22 P.L.1999, c.34 (C.2A:62A-25).

23 b. A youth camp shall be deemed to be in compliance with the
24 requirements of this section if a State-certified emergency services
25 provider or other certified first responder is on site at the athletic
26 field or facility and has a defibrillator available for use on site.

27 c. A youth camp and its employees shall be immune from civil
28 liability in the acquisition and use of a defibrillator pursuant to
29 section 5 of P.L.1999, c.34 (C.2A:62A-27).

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31 5. This act shall take effect immediately.
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34 STATEMENT
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36 The bill requires school districts to provide, beginning on
37 September 1, 2014, instruction in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation
38 (CPR) as part of the curriculum each year for grades 6 through 12
39 and instruction in the use of an automated external defibrillator
40 (AED) as part of the curriculum each year for grades 9 through 12.

41 Beginning on September 1, 2014, the bill requires a municipal or
42 county recreation departments and a nonprofit youth serving
43 organizations (such as, Little Leagues, Babe Ruth Leagues, Pop
44 Warner Leagues, Police Athletic Leagues, and youth soccer
45 leagues), which organize, sponsor, or are otherwise affiliated with
46 youth athletic events that are played on municipal, county, school,
47 or other publicly-owned fields, to ensure that there is available on
48 site an AED at each youth athletic event and practice held on the

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1 department's or organization's home field. The department or
2 organization must designate one or more umpires or coaches who
3 will be present at the athletic event or practice, to be responsible for
4 ensuring that the AED is available on site. The designated umpire
5 or coach is required to be trained in CPR and the use of an AED in
6 accordance with law.

7 Also, beginning September 1, 2014, a youth camp is required to
8 ensure that there is available on site an AED within reasonable
9 proximity of the camp's athletic fields or other indoor or outdoor
10 athletic facilities. "Reasonable proximity" means that the AED is
11 able to be retrieved and applied within three minutes. The youth
12 camp must designate one or more counselors or other staff members
13 who will be present at the athletic field or facility when campers are
14 participating in athletic activities, to be responsible for ensuring that
15 the AED is available on site at the field or facility. The designated
16 counselor or staff member is required to be trained in CPR and the
17 use of an AED in accordance with law.

18 A recreation department, youth serving organization, or youth
19 camp will be deemed to be in compliance with the AED
20 requirement if a State-certified emergency services provider or
21 other certified first responder is on site at the athletic event or
22 practice and has an AED available for use on site. A recreation
23 department, youth serving organization, youth camp and its
24 employees and volunteers will be immune from civil liability in the
25 acquisition and use of an AED.