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SYNOPSIS

Requires institution of higher education to have automatic external defibrillator on premises of each athletic facility and student center.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning automatic external defibrillators and
2 supplementing chapter 3B of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 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. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, or
9 regulation to the contrary, an institution of higher education shall
10 place an automated external defibrillator, as defined in section 2 of
11 P.L.1999, c.34 (C.2A:62A-24), in an unlocked location in each
12 athletic facility and student center with an appropriate identifying
13 sign. The defibrillator shall be accessible during the normal
14 operating hours of the athletic facility or student center and within
15 reasonable proximity of the institution's athletic fields.

16 b. The institution of higher education shall ensure that:

17 (1) at least two staff members who are trained in
18 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of the defibrillator, in
19 accordance with the provisions of section 3 of P.L.1999, c.34
20 (C.2A:62A-25), are in the athletic facility or student center during
21 the normal operating hours; and

22 (2) each defibrillator is tested and maintained according to the
23 manufacturer's operational guidelines, and notification is provided
24 to the appropriate first aid, ambulance, or rescue squad, or other
25 appropriate emergency medical services provider regarding the
26 defibrillator, the type acquired, and its location in accordance with
27 section 3 of P.L.1999, c.34 (C.2A:62A-25).

28 c. An institution of higher education and its staff shall,
29 pursuant to the provisions of section 5 of P.L.1999, c.34
30 (C.2A:62A-27), be immune from civil liability in the acquisition
31 and use of a defibrillator pursuant to this section.

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33 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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36 STATEMENT

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38 This bill requires an institution of higher education to place an
39 automated external defibrillator in an unlocked location in each
40 athletic facility and student center with an appropriate identifying
41 sign. The defibrillator will be accessible during the normal
42 operating hours of the athletic facility or student center and within
43 reasonable proximity of the institution's athletic fields.

44 Under the bill, the institution is required to ensure that:

45 (1) at least two staff members who are trained in
46 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of the defibrillator are in
47 the athletic facility or student center during the normal operating
48 hours; and

1 (2) each defibrillator is tested and maintained according to the
2 manufacturer's operational guidelines, and notification is provided
3 to the appropriate first aid, ambulance, or rescue squad, or other
4 appropriate emergency medical services provider regarding the
5 defibrillator, the type acquired, and its location.

6 An institution of higher education and its staff are granted
7 immunity from civil liability in the acquisition and use of a
8 defibrillator.