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1 AN ACT Relating to automatic external defibrillators in public
2 schools; adding a new section to chapter 28A.210 RCW; and creating new
3 sections.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that sudden
6 cardiac arrest is the leading single cause of death in the United
7 States, accounting for more than three hundred twenty-five thousand
8 deaths each year. Effective cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including
9 defibrillation, that is provided immediately after cardiac arrest can
10 double a victim's chance of survival. Survival rates drop seven to ten
11 percent for each minute without defibrillation.

12 (2) The legislature further finds that on many days, as much as
13 twenty percent of the nation's combined adult and child population can
14 be found in a school. Installation of an automatic external
15 defibrillator is one component of an overall school medical emergency
16 response plan recommended by the American heart association.

17 (3) Therefore the legislature intends to protect the health and
18 lives of the state's citizens by ensuring that automatic external

1 defibrillators are placed in each public high school and by providing
2 the funding necessary to phase in this requirement by the 2010 school
3 year.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.210
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
7 develop a plan to phase in the placement of automatic external
8 defibrillators in all public high schools in the state by September 1,
9 2010. Between September 1, 2007, and September 1, 2010, the plan shall
10 require an increasing number of public high schools in each successive
11 year to have an automatic external defibrillator located in the school.

12 (2) Subject to funding provided for the purposes of this section,
13 school district boards of directors shall:

14 (a) Provide for the placement of an automatic external
15 defibrillator in each public high school in the district according to
16 the plan developed by the office of the superintendent of public
17 instruction;

18 (b) Ensure that the automatic external defibrillator is placed in
19 a prominent location and is readily accessible during the school day
20 and for extracurricular activities such as sporting events outside the
21 school day;

22 (c) Comply with the requirements of RCW 70.54.310, including
23 training of personnel, use of the defibrillator, and notification of
24 the local emergency medical services organization about the location of
25 the defibrillator; and

26 (d) Include instruction in the use of the defibrillator in staff
27 training and the health and fitness curriculum.

28 (3) For the purposes of this section, "high school" includes any
29 public school that enrolls students in grades ten, eleven, or twelve.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
31 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
32 June 30, 2007, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
33 void.

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