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By Senators McAuliffe, Eide, and Shin

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring the establishment of an automated  
2 external defibrillator program for each high school in the state; and  
3 adding new sections to chapter 28A.150 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.150  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 The use of automated external defibrillators has been demonstrated  
8 to save lives including those of young athletes pursuing athletic  
9 activities. Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to promote  
10 the timely and appropriate use of automated external defibrillators in  
11 settings where school athletic events occur.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.150  
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 (1) The superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with  
15 school districts, shall develop and implement an automated external  
16 defibrillator program for each high school in the state.

17 (2) The automated external defibrillator program shall:

1 (a) Ensure that an automated external defibrillator is provided on-  
2 site; and

3 (b) An individual trained in the operation and use of an automated  
4 external defibrillator is present at all school-sponsored athletic  
5 events.

6 (3) The superintendent, in consultation with the department of  
7 health, shall adopt rules that:

8 (a) Establish guidelines for periodic inspections and annual  
9 maintenance of the automated external defibrillators;

10 (b) Assist districts in carrying out the provisions of this  
11 section, including procedures to seek grants for the purchase of  
12 automated external defibrillators or to seek donations of automated  
13 external defibrillators. The superintendent may coordinate with local  
14 health districts in seeking grants and donations.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.150  
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 The office of the superintendent of public instruction and its  
18 employees and agents are not liable for failures to comply with section  
19 2 of this act or for injuries or accidents involving automated external  
20 defibrillators.

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