

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5790

As of January 4, 2024

Title: An act relating to bleeding control equipment in schools.

Brief Description: Concerning bleeding control equipment in schools.

Sponsors: Senators Dhingra, Wellman, Kuderer, Nobles, Trudeau and Hunt.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Early Learning & K-12 Education: 1/11/24.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires each school district to maintain and make available certain bleeding control equipment on each school campus for use in the event of a traumatic injury beginning in the 2024-25 school year.
- Directs each school to have a certain number of employees trained to use the equipment.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION

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Background: Current state law allows school districts to maintain certain health related items including epinephrine autoinjectors, opioid overdose reversal medication, and automated external defibrillators.

According to the United States Department of Homeland Security, "Stop the Bleed" is a national awareness campaign that encourages bystanders to become trained and equipped to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives.

Summary of Bill: Bleeding Control Equipment. Beginning in the 2024-25 school year,

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school districts must maintain and make available bleeding control equipment on each school campus for use in the event of a traumatic injury. Schools must inspect and inventory this equipment annually and after each use, and replace equipment as necessary.

Bleeding control equipment must include:

- a tourniquet endorsed by, or approved for use in battlefield trauma care by, the United States Department of Defense Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care;
- a compression bandage;
- a bleeding control bandage;
- latex-free gloves;
- permanent markers;
- scissors; and
- instructional documents.

The equipment may include other medical materials and equipment.

Training. Each school must have a minimum of two employees per school who have completed training on using the bleeding control equipment. If a school has more than 1000 students it must have one trained employee per 500 students.

School districts may use trainings produced by the United States Department of Homeland Security, the American College of Surgeons, or similar organizations.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 2, 2024.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.