

HOUSE BILL NO. 869

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUPPORTING THE PREVENTION OF CARDIAC ARREST IN YOUTH ATHLETES; REQUIRING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO DEVELOP RESOURCES; REQUIRING COACHES TO UNDERGO TRAINING ON CARDIAC ARREST; REQUIRING COACHES TO HOLD INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS ON CARDIAC ARREST; ALLOWING COACHES, TRAINERS, AND OFFICIALS TO REMOVE A YOUTH ATHLETE FROM PARTICIPATION IF THE YOUTH ATHLETE EXHIBITS WARNING SIGNS OF CARDIAC ARREST; REQUIRING A YOUTH ATHLETE REMOVED FROM PARTICIPATION TO BE CLEARED BY A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL PRIOR TO RETURNING TO PLAY; CLARIFYING THAT THE PURCHASE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS IS ALLOWED AS AN ENHANCEMENT TO SCHOOL AND STUDENT SAFETY AND SECURITY AND IS THEREFORE AN ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURE FOR SCHOOL MAJOR MAINTENANCE AID; CREATING A REIMBURSEMENT GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE COST OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION; PROVIDING A DEFINITION; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 20-9-236 AND 20-9-502, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Cardiac arrest response for youth athletes -- purpose -- requirements of schools and superintendent of public instruction. (1) The purposes of this section are to:

(a) support, adopt, and implement a cardiac emergency response plan in schools that integrates evidence-based core elements in accordance with the American heart association guidelines or other nationally recognized, evidence-based standards;

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election laws of this title, and the electors qualified to vote in the election must be qualified under the provisions of 20-20-301. The ballot for a building reserve proposition must be substantially in compliance with 15-10-425."

NEW SECTION. Section 4. Appropriation. (1) There is appropriated ~~\$150,000~~ \$240,000 from the general fund to the office of public instruction for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, to ~~develop the information sheet described in [section 1] and~~ support school districts in implementing the requirements of [section 1].

(2) The office of public instruction shall administer a grant program to reimburse school districts for the purchase and ongoing maintenance of automatic external defibrillators as part of the implementation of [section 1]. The grant program shall provide a reimbursement of \$1 for every \$1 paid by a school district up to a maximum state contribution of \$700 per automatic external defibrillator.

(3) The office of public instruction may use up to 5% of the appropriation in this section for the purpose of administering the reimbursement grant program.

NEW SECTION. Section 5. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 20, chapter 7, part 13, and the provisions of Title 20, chapter 7, part 13, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. Section 6. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2025.

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