

Senate File 2390 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 2390
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2092)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing the school health-related emergency
2 response plan competitive grant program within the
3 department of education, making appropriations, and
4 including applicability provisions.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256E.7, subsection 2, Code 2026, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *0t.* Be subject to and comply with the
4 requirements of section 280.16B relating to the development and
5 implementation of a cardiac emergency response plan in the same
6 manner as a school district.

7 Sec. 2. Section 256F.4, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
8 by adding the following new paragraph:

9 NEW PARAGRAPH. *v.* Be subject to and comply with the
10 requirements of section 280.16B relating to the development and
11 implementation of a cardiac emergency response plan in the same
12 manner as a school district.

13 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **280.16B School health-related**
14 **emergency response plan competitive grant program.**

15 1. As used in this section:

16 *a. "Athletic emergency action plan"* means written guidelines
17 and templates for the documentation of emergency planning to
18 help prepare individuals for a catastrophic injury situation
19 that occurs during physical education or an extracurricular
20 athletic activity or contest.

21 *b. "Automated external defibrillator"* means a lightweight,
22 portable device that delivers an electric shock through the
23 chest to the heart to stop an irregular heartbeat and allow
24 normal heartbeat rhythm to resume following cardiac arrest.

25 *c. "Cardiac emergency response plan"* means a written
26 document that satisfies all of the following requirements:

27 (1) Establishes the specific steps to be taken by employees
28 or contractors of a school to respond to incidents involving
29 an individual experiencing cardiac arrest or a similar
30 life-threatening emergency on school property, during physical
31 education, during an extracurricular athletic activity or
32 contest, during practice associated with an extracurricular
33 athletic activity or contest, or during a school-sponsored
34 activity, and to reduce the likelihood of the individual's
35 death from cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening

1 emergency.

2 (2) Integrates core elements of guidance adopted by the
3 American heart association.

4 *d.* "School" means all of the following:

5 (1) A school district organized pursuant to chapter 274.

6 (2) An accredited nonpublic school.

7 (3) A charter school established pursuant to chapter 256E.

8 (4) A charter school or innovation zone school established
9 pursuant to chapter 256F.

10 2. If the general assembly appropriates moneys to the
11 school health-related emergency response plan competitive
12 grant program fund established pursuant to subsection 5,
13 the department of education shall develop and administer a
14 school health-related emergency response plan competitive
15 grant program to provide grants to schools to offset the costs
16 associated with the school's development and implementation of
17 a cardiac emergency response plan that satisfies all of the
18 following requirements:

19 *a.* Establishes a cardiac emergency response team and
20 activates the team in response to an individual experiencing
21 cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening emergency
22 on school property, during physical education, during an
23 extracurricular athletic activity or contest, during practice
24 associated with an extracurricular athletic activity or
25 contest, or during a school-sponsored activity.

26 *b.* Requires the placement of automated external
27 defibrillators on school property pursuant to guidance adopted
28 by the American heart association and in such a manner that all
29 of the following requirements are satisfied:

30 (1) An employee or contractor of a school is able to place
31 an automated external defibrillator on an individual on school
32 property within three minutes after the individual experiences
33 cardiac arrest.

34 (2) Each automated external defibrillator is available in
35 an unlocked location on school property that is accessible

1 during the school day and during any extracurricular
2 athletic activity or contest, practice associated with
3 an extracurricular athletic activity or contest, or
4 school-sponsored activity.

5 (3) Each automated external defibrillator is identified
6 using appropriate signage.

7 *c.* Requires routine maintenance of automated external
8 defibrillators on school property according to the
9 manufacturer's operational guidelines.

10 *d.* Requires the school to provide information to emergency
11 medical services providers related to the school's automated
12 external defibrillators, including the type of automated
13 external defibrillator placed on school property and the
14 location of each automated external defibrillator placed on
15 school property.

16 *e.* Requires the distribution of the cardiac emergency
17 response plan to all attendance centers within the school
18 system.

19 *f.* Requires ongoing training and certification for coaches,
20 school nurses, athletic trainers, and, when appropriate, other
21 employees or contractors, in first aid, the administration
22 of cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of automated
23 external defibrillators.

24 *g.* Requires annual drills to practice the execution of the
25 cardiac emergency response plan.

26 *h.* Requires that local emergency medical services providers
27 be contacted in the event an individual experiences cardiac
28 arrest or a similar life-threatening emergency on school
29 property, during physical education, during an extracurricular
30 athletic activity or contest, during practice associated with
31 an extracurricular athletic activity or contest, or during a
32 school-sponsored activity.

33 *i.* Requires ongoing review and evaluation of the cardiac
34 emergency response plan on at least an annual basis.

35 *j.* Includes an athletic emergency action plan.

1 3. The state board of education shall adopt rules
2 pursuant to chapter 17A to administer this section, including
3 rules relating to grant application materials, eligibility
4 requirements, and award criteria.

5 4. Moneys awarded under this section shall be used to
6 supplement, not supplant, existing public funding used by a
7 school district for similar purposes.

8 5. A school health-related emergency response plan
9 competitive grant program fund is established in the state
10 treasury under the control of the department of education. All
11 moneys deposited or paid into the fund are appropriated to
12 the department of education to be used for grants awarded as
13 provided under this section. Notwithstanding section 8.33,
14 moneys in the fund that remain unencumbered or unobligated
15 at the close of a fiscal year shall not revert but shall
16 remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated.
17 Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or
18 earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

19 Sec. 4. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school years
20 beginning on or after July 1, 2027.

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This bill establishes the school health-related emergency
25 response plan competitive grant program within the department
26 of education (DE).

27 The bill defines "athletic emergency action plan" as written
28 guidelines and templates for the documentation of emergency
29 planning to help prepare individuals for a catastrophic
30 injury situation that occurs during physical education or an
31 extracurricular athletic activity or contest. The bill defines
32 "automated external defibrillator" as a lightweight, portable
33 device that delivers an electric shock through the chest to the
34 heart to stop an irregular heartbeat and allow normal heartbeat
35 rhythm to resume following cardiac arrest. The bill also

1 defines "cardiac emergency response plan" to mean a written
2 document that establishes the specific steps to be taken by
3 employees or contractors of a school to respond to incidents
4 involving an individual experiencing cardiac arrest or a
5 similar life-threatening emergency on school property, during
6 physical education, during an extracurricular athletic activity
7 or contest, during practice associated with an extracurricular
8 athletic activity or contest, or during a school-sponsored
9 activity, and to reduce the likelihood of the individual's
10 death from cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening
11 emergency, and that integrates core elements of guidance
12 adopted by the American heart association. Additionally,
13 the bill defines "school" as a school district, accredited
14 nonpublic school, charter school, or innovation zone school.

15 The bill provides that if the general assembly appropriates
16 moneys to the school health-related emergency response plan
17 competitive grant program fund, DE is required to develop
18 and administer a school health-related emergency response
19 plan competitive grant program to provide grants to schools
20 to offset the costs associated with the school's development
21 and implementation of a cardiac emergency response plan that
22 satisfies the requirements established in the bill. The state
23 board of education is required to adopt rules to administer
24 the school health-related emergency response plan competitive
25 grant program. The bill provides that moneys awarded under the
26 school health-related emergency response plan competitive grant
27 program shall be used to supplement, not supplant, existing
28 public funding used by a school district for similar purposes.
29 The bill applies to school years beginning on or after July 1,
30 2027.