

# **Schools, Cardiac Emergency Response Plans Bill Senate File 2474**

Last Action:

**Final Action**

May 1, 2026

**An Act relating to education, including by modifying provisions related to the Iowa Dyslexia Board and requiring the Department of Education to prepare a report related to cardiac emergency response plans and automated external defibrillators.**

**Fiscal Services Division  
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## **NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)**

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**BILL SUMMARY**

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Establishes definitions for "automated external defibrillator" (AED), "cardiac emergency plan", and "school" as used in the Bill.

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Establishes that the Bill applies to public school districts, charter schools, and innovation zone schools.

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**STUDIES AND INTENT**

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*Required Report*

Requires the Department of Education, in coordination with each school, to submit a report to the General Assembly by January 15, 2027, containing the number of schools that have adopted and implemented a cardiac emergency response plan, the number of AEDs owned by each school, regardless of whether the AED is in good working order, and where each AED is located on such school's property.

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**SIGNIFICANT CODE CHANGES**

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**Iowa Dyslexia Board:** Extends the repeal date of the Iowa Dyslexia Board from July 1, 2027, to July 1, 2032.

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**Senate File 2474 provides for the following changes to the Code of Iowa.**

<b>Page #</b>	<b>Line #</b>	<b>Bill Section</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Code Section</b>
1	1	1	Amend	256.32A.5

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1 1	Section 1. Section 256.32A, subsection 5, Code 2026, is	CODE: Extends the repeal date of the Iowa Dyslexia Board from July 1, 2027, to July 1, 2032.
1 2	amended to read as follows:	
1 3	5. This section is repealed July 1, <del>2027</del> <u>2032</u> .	
1 4	Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — AUTOMATED EXTERNAL	
1 5	DEFIBRILLATOR AND CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS — REPORT.	
1 6	1. As used in this section:	Establishes definitions for "automated external defibrillator" (AED), "cardiac emergency plan", and "school" as used in the Bill.
1 7	a. "Automated external defibrillator" means a lightweight,	
1 8	portable device that delivers an electric shock through the	
1 9	chest to the heart to stop an irregular heartbeat and allow	
1 10	normal heartbeat rhythm to resume following cardiac arrest.	
1 11	b. "Cardiac emergency response plan" means a written	
1 12	document that establishes the specific steps to be taken by	
1 13	employees or contractors of a school to respond to incidents	
1 14	involving an individual experiencing cardiac arrest or a	
1 15	similar life-threatening emergency on school property, during	
1 16	physical education, during an extracurricular athletic activity	
1 17	or contest, during practice associated with an extracurricular	
1 18	athletic activity or contest, or during a school-sponsored	
1 19	activity, and to reduce the likelihood of the individual's	
1 20	death from cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening	
1 21	emergency.	
1 22	c. "School" means all of the following:	Establishes that the Bill applies to public school districts, charter schools, and innovation zone schools.
1 23	(1) A school district organized pursuant to chapter 274.	
1 24	(2) A charter school established pursuant to chapter 256E.	
1 25	(3) A charter school or innovation zone school established	
1 26	pursuant to chapter 256F.	
1 27	2. The department of education, in coordination with each	Requires the Department of Education, in coordination with each school, to submit a report to the General Assembly by January 15, 2027, containing the number of schools that have adopted and implemented a cardiac emergency response plan; the number of AEDs owned by each school, regardless of whether the AED is in good working order; and where each AED is located on such school's property.
1 28	school, shall prepare a report that includes information	
1 29	related to all of the following:	
1 30	a. The number of schools that have adopted and implemented a	
1 31	cardiac emergency response plan.	
1 32	b. The number of automated external defibrillators owned	
1 33	by each school, regardless of whether any such automated	
1 34	external defibrillator is in good working order, and where each	
1 35	automated external defibrillator is located on the school's	
1 36	property.	
1 37	3. The department of education shall submit the report	

1 38 described in subsection 2 to the general assembly on or before  
1 39 January 15, 2027.