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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, each local board of
6 education and governing body of a nonpublic school must
7 develop and implement a cardiac response plan. The plan
8 must include appropriate placement of automatic
9 external defibrillators (AEDs) pursuant to the
10 recommendations of the American Heart Association or
11 another similar group.

12 This bill would require the placement of AEDs in
13 athletic event venues on school property and at any
14 school-sponsored athletic event or practice in which
15 students are participating.

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18 A BILL

19 TO BE ENTITLED

20 AN ACT

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22 Relating to sudden cardiac arrest; to amend Section 2
23 of Act 2024-392, 2024 Regular Session, now appearing as
24 Section 16-30D-21, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide
25 for the placement of automatic external defibrillators in
26 athletic venues and at athletic events.

27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

28 Section 1. Section 2 of Act 2024-392, 2024 Regular



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Session, now appearing as Section 16-30D-21, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§16-30D-21

(a) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, each local board of education and governing body of a nonpublic school shall develop and implement both of the following:

(1) A cardiac emergency response plan that addresses the appropriate use of personnel to respond to incidents of sudden cardiac arrest or other similar life-threatening emergencies that occur on school property.

(2) If the local board of education or the governing body of a nonpublic school oversees a school with an athletic department or organized athletic program, a cardiac emergency response plan that addresses the appropriate use of personnel to respond to incidents of sudden cardiac arrest or other similar life-threatening emergencies that occur while an individual attends or participates in any athletic activity on school property.

(b) Each cardiac emergency response plan shall include, but not be limited to, each of the following:

(1) Recommendations relating to the development of a cardiac emergency response plan by the American Heart Association or another entity that provides nationally recognized and evidence-based guidelines based on emergency cardiovascular care.

(2) The establishment of a cardiac emergency response team.

(3) The implementation and maintenance of ongoing staff



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training related to cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an AED, as provided in subsection (c).

(4) Procedures related to the activation of the cardiac emergency response team in response to an incident of sudden cardiac arrest.

(5) a. Appropriate AED placement on school property in accordance with the guidelines set by the American Heart Association or another entity that provides nationally recognized and evidence-based guidelines based on emergency cardiovascular care, including routine maintenance.

b. AED placement at sporting events and sporting venues, as required by subsection (d).

(6) Procedures to disseminate the cardiac emergency response plan on school property.

(7) The creation of requirements relating to the practice of an emergency response, including drills.

(8) Procedures and standards for the ongoing annual review and evaluation of the cardiac emergency response plan.

(c) Appropriate school staff shall be trained in first aid, CPR, and the use of an AED according to the guidelines set forth by the American Heart Association or another entity that provides nationally recognized and evidence-based guidelines based on emergency cardiovascular care. The term "appropriate school staff" shall be defined in each cardiac emergency response plan and shall include, but not be limited to, licensed coaches, school nurses, and athletic trainers.

(d) (1) An AED shall be clearly marked and easily accessible in an unlocked location at:



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85 a. Each athletic event space on school property,
86 including, but not limited to, stadiums, athletic fields,
87 gymnasiums, practice fields, and weight rooms, even when the
88 event space is not in use; and

89 b. Any school-sponsored athletic event or athletic
90 practice in which students are participating.

91 (2) For purposes of this section, the term "easily
92 accessible" means the AED is able to be retrieved and placed
93 on an individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest within
94 three minutes of the visible onset of his or her symptoms.

95 (e) Each local board of education and governing body of
96 a nonpublic school shall work directly with local emergency
97 services providers to develop the cardiac emergency response
98 plan and integrate it into the community's emergency medical
99 services responder protocols.

100 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
101 1, 2025.