

House Bill 408

By: Representatives Spencer of the 180th, Rynders of the 152nd, Watson of the 163rd, Cooper of the 41st, Hembree of the 67th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide a short title; to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official
2 Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health of students, so as to require automated external
3 defibrillators in all schools; to require certain trained personnel in such schools; to provide
4 for certain reports; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Andrew Cohen AED Act."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
11 relating to health of students, is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-775, relating to
12 automated external defibrillator required in high schools, as follows:

13 "20-2-775.

14 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'automated external defibrillator' means a
15 defibrillator which:

16 (1) Is capable of cardiac rhythm analysis;

17 (2) Will charge and be capable of being activated to deliver a countershock after
18 electrically detecting the presence of certain cardiac dysrhythmias; and

19 (3) Is capable of continuously recording cardiac dysrhythmia at the scene with a
20 mechanism for transfer and storage or for printing for review subsequent to use.

21 (b) No later than July 1, ~~2008~~ 2011, each public ~~high~~ school in this state ~~which has an~~
22 ~~interscholastic athletics~~ regardless of whether such school has an on-site athletic program
23 ~~shall have at least one functional~~ an automated external defibrillator on site at such school
24 ~~at all times and easily accessible~~ that is easily and readily available at all times for use
25 during emergencies, including, but not limited to, during any school-related function,

26 ~~including athletic practices, athletic competitions, and other occasions where~~ during
 27 athletic events, school related functions, and school day activities when students and others
 28 will be present, ~~for use during emergencies.~~

29 (c) Each ~~high~~ school possessing and maintaining an automated external defibrillator shall:

30 (1) Ensure that expected users of the automated external defibrillator receive American
 31 Heart Association or American Red Cross training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and
 32 automated external defibrillator use or complete an equivalent nationally recognized
 33 course and ensure that there shall be a minimum of three persons at each school certified
 34 in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automated external defibrillator;

35 (2) Notify the appropriate emergency medical services system of the existence and
 36 location of the automated external defibrillator prior to said automated external
 37 defibrillator being placed in use;

38 (3) Ensure that the automated external defibrillator is maintained and tested according
 39 to the manufacturer's operational guidelines;

40 (4) Ensure that there is involvement of a licensed physician or other person authorized
 41 by the composite board in the site's automated external defibrillator program to ensure
 42 compliance with requirements for training, notification, and maintenance; and

43 (5) Ensure that designated personnel activate the emergency ~~medical~~ services system as
 44 soon as reasonably possible after any person renders emergency care or treatment to a
 45 person in cardiac arrest by using an automated external defibrillator, report ~~and reports~~
 46 any clinical use of the automated external defibrillator to the ~~licensed physician or other~~
 47 ~~person authorized by the composite board who is supervising the program~~ board of
 48 education within the school system, and notify the local emergency services that clinical
 49 use of an automated external defibrillator has been administered.

50 (d) Subject to appropriations by the General Assembly, the Department of Education shall
 51 provide funds to local school systems to assist in the purchase of automated external
 52 defibrillators pursuant to this Code section.

53 (e) The department and local school systems shall use diligent efforts to identify private
 54 sources of funding or donation of funding and equipment to meet the requirements of this
 55 Code section."

56 SECTION 2.

57 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.