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- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to require that each approved or
- 2 accredited public, private, denominational, or parochial high school
- 3 have an automated external defibrillator on school property and in
- 4 close proximity to each school athletic venue; to require that
- 5 coaches receive training in automated external defibrillator use as
- 6 prescribed; to require certain high schools to establish an
- 7 athletics emergency action plan; and to provide powers and duties to
- 8 the State Board of Education.
- 9 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) Beginning with the 2024-25 school year, each
2 approved or accredited public, private, denominational, or parochial high
3 school shall ensure that an automated external defibrillator, identified
4 with appropriate signage, is available at the school in an unlocked
5 location that is in close proximity to each school athletic venue. For
6 purposes of this subsection, close proximity means a location that would
7 allow such automated external defibrillator to be placed on an individual
8 having a cardiac arrest at such school athletic venue within three
9 minutes. An automated external defibrillator shall be accessible during
10 the school day and any other time of day in which a school-sponsored
11 athletic event or team practice occurs.

12 (2) Each high school required to have an automated external
13 defibrillator pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall ensure
14 that:

15 (a) Such automated external defibrillator is tested and maintained
16 according to the manufacturer's operational guidelines;

17 (b) Notification is provided to the appropriate emergency medical
18 service providers regarding the particular type of defibrillator obtained
19 and its location; and

20 (c) All coaches, and any other appropriate school personnel as
21 determined by the school, obtain training in automated external
22 defibrillator use.

23 (3)(a) On or before the 2024-25 school year, each approved or
24 accredited public, private, denominational, or parochial high school
25 shall establish, in consultation with local emergency medical service
26 providers, a written athletics emergency action plan for responding to
27 serious or life-threatening injuries for students participating in sports
28 or other athletic activities at such school and shall contain information
29 specific to each activity site at such school.

30 (b) The athletics emergency action plan shall include, but need not
31 be limited to:

1 (i) Identification of the athletic activity address or venue;

2 (ii) Identification of the personnel in each school responsible for
3 carrying out the athletics emergency action plan and a designated chain
4 of command;

5 (iii) Identification of any known health care professional providing
6 medical care during athletic events or activities;

7 (iv) Identification of the equipment and supplies that are available
8 to respond to an athletics emergency and the location of such items;

9 (v) A description of the proper procedures to be followed after a
10 serious or life-threatening injury occurs at an athletic event or
11 activity, including, but not limited to, responding to the injured
12 individual, summoning emergency medical care, assisting emergency medical
13 service providers, and documenting the actions taken during the athletics
14 emergency; and

15 (vi) Appropriate contact information for local emergency medical
16 services providers and instructions for providing directions on access to
17 the venue.

18 (4) The athletics emergency action plan required pursuant to
19 subsection (3) of this section shall be distributed to all coaches and
20 other athletic staff members of such school, all individuals who will be
21 responsible for executing the plan in the event of an athletics
22 emergency, any health care professional that provides medical services
23 during school athletic events or activities, and any other appropriate
24 school personnel as determined by the school. The plan shall be reviewed
25 at least annually, updated as necessary, and rehearsed at least annually
26 in each school by the individuals who will be responsible for executing
27 the plan in the event of an athletics emergency.

28 (5) The State Board of Education may adopt and promulgate rules and
29 regulations to carry out this section.