A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the Public Access to Automated External Defibrillator Act of 2000 to require each school to have a certain number of automated external defibrillators that can be used on both children and adults in the school, to require specific employees of each school to complete a training program on cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the operation and use of an automated external defibrillator, to require the Mayor to establish guidelines for these training programs, and to require the Mayor to approve all training programs offered pursuant to this act.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator Requirements Amendment Act of 2015”.

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Sec. 2. The Public Access to Automated External Defibrillator Act of 2000, effective April 27, 2001 (D.C. Law 13-278; D.C. Official Code § 44-231 et seq.), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 2 (D.C. Official Code § 44-231) is amended as follows:

1. Designate existing paragraph (1) as (1A).

2. A new paragraph (1) is added to read as follows:

“(1) “Athletic activity” means a program or event, including practice and competition organized as part of a school-sponsored, interscholastic-athletic program, an athletic program sponsored by a District school, and participation in physical education and health education classes that are part of a school curriculum.”.

3. New paragraphs (2A) and (2B) are added to read as follows:

“(2A) “CPR” means cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

“(2B) “CPR and AED program” means a training course on CPR and the operation and use of an AED that has been approved by the Mayor pursuant to this act.”.

4. A new paragraph (5) is added to read as follows:

“(5) "School" means any public school operated under the authority of the Mayor and any charter school, parochial school, or private school in the District.”.

(b) A new section 3c is added to read as follows:

“Sec. 3c. CPR and AED program.

“(a) Within 120 days of the effective date of the Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator Requirements Amendment Act of 2015, as introduced on May 5, 2015 (D.C. Bill 21-___), each school shall meet the requirements of section 3 and:

1. Have procedures established for responding to a medical emergency involving cardiac arrest, including the appropriate use of CPR and an AED;
“(2) Have at least one AED on-site at the school;

“(3) Have at least one AED readily available at each athletic activity at the school;

“(4) Have a schedule of maintenance established for each AED that is in accordance with the manufacturer’s guidelines and includes;

“(A) Periodic testing;

“(B) Periodic inspection; and

“(C) Annual maintenance.

“(5) Ensure that each AED at the school is appropriate for use on children and adults;

“(6) Have had the following individuals successfully complete a CPR and AED program; provided, that individuals newly hired for one of these positions shall be required to successfully complete a CPR and AED program within 30 days of their hire date:

“(A) Each athletic coach, coaching assistant, and athletic trainer;

“(B) The athletic director;

“(C) The team or game physician;

“(D) Each school nurse; and

“(E) Every expected AED user employed by the school, as designated by the Principal;

“(7) Require that at least one individual trained in a CPR and AED program be present during the school’s hours of operation and during any athletic activity; and

“(8) Inform all school employees, at least annually, of the location of each AED in the school.

“(b)(1) The Mayor shall:
“(A) Establish baseline requirements for a CPR and AED program;

“(B) Develop guidelines for any CPR and AED programs that may be established pursuant to this act; provided, that the Mayor may approve the existing programs listed in section 3(a)(1) or other program that the Mayor determines meets the guidelines or the requirements of this act;

“(C) Approve each CPR and AED program established pursuant to this act or existing program that the Mayor determines meets or exceeds the baseline requirements for a CPR and AED program or otherwise meets the requirements of this act;

“(D) Require each school to maintain a written record of the periodic testing, inspection, and maintenance of each AED and of the successful completion of a CPR and AED program by each employee in a position listed in subsection (a)(6) of this section.

“(2) A CPR and AED program may be conducted by a private or public entity.”.

Sec. 3. Applicability.

This act shall apply upon the inclusion of its fiscal effect in an approved budget and financial plan, as certified by the Chief Financial Officer to the Budget Director of the Council in a certification published by the Council in the District of Columbia Register.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 5. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as
provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.03(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.