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H.B. No. 965

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to requiring the Texas Department of Health in
3 consultation with the Texas Education Agency to study the cost and
4 feasibility of installing automated external defibrillators in
5 public high school buildings.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

7 SECTION 1. (a) The Texas Department of Health, in
8 consultation with the Texas Education Agency, shall conduct a study
9 regarding the purchase and placement of automated external
10 defibrillators in public high school buildings.

11 (b) The department shall estimate the extent to which
12 placing automated external defibrillators in public high school
13 buildings would improve the survival rate of individuals who
14 experience sudden cardiac arrest while in a public high school
15 building.

16 (c) The department in consultation with the education
17 agency also shall study:

18 (1) in which public high school buildings it would be
19 advisable to place an automated external defibrillator, with
20 special consideration given to public high school buildings that
21 are accessible to the public;

22 (2) the cost of purchasing, placing, and maintaining
23 automated external defibrillators in public high school buildings;

24 (3) the best methods for integrating the placement of

1 automated external defibrillators with existing emergency medical
2 services;

3 (4) the extent to which school personnel would need to
4 be trained in the use of automated external defibrillators and in
5 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the probable cost of that
6 training; and

7 (5) any other considerations, including any other
8 costs, that would be involved in effectively placing automated
9 external defibrillators in public high school buildings.

10 (d) The department shall report the results of its study
11 together with any recommendations of the department or the
12 education agency to the governor and the presiding officer of each
13 house of the legislature not later than November 1, 2004.

14 SECTION 2. This Act expires June 1, 2005.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.