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H.B. No. 4684

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automated external defibrillators for school district, private school, and open-enrollment charter school employees and volunteers.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 22.902(c) and (e), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(c) Each school nurse, assistant school nurse, athletic coach or sponsor, physical education instructor, marching band director, cheerleading coach, and any other school employee specified by the commissioner and each student who serves as an athletic trainer must participate in the instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and ~~[in]~~ the use of an automated external defibrillator. A person described by this subsection must receive and maintain certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator from the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or a similar nationally recognized association.

(e) ~~[This subsection applies only to a private school that receives an automated external defibrillator from the agency or receives funding from the agency to purchase or lease an automated external defibrillator.]~~ A private school or open-enrollment charter school shall adopt a policy under which the school makes

1 available to school employees and volunteers instruction in the
2 principles and techniques of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the
3 use of an automated external defibrillator. The policy must comply
4 with the requirements prescribed by this section and commissioner
5 rules adopted under this section, including the requirements
6 prescribed by Subsection (c).

7 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026
8 school year.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.