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S.B. No. 865

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the
3 use of automated external defibrillators for school district,
4 private school, and open-enrollment charter school employees and
5 volunteers.

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

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

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

20 (e) ~~[This subsection applies only to a private school that~~
21 ~~receives an automated external defibrillator from the agency or~~
22 ~~receives funding from the agency to purchase or lease an automated~~
23 ~~external defibrillator.]~~ A private school or open-enrollment
24 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.