

**Introduced by Senator Price**

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~~An act relating to the environment.~~ *An act to add Section 49416 to the Education Code, relating to pupil health.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 63, as amended, Price. ~~Environmental Sustainability of Local Communities.~~ *Pupil and personnel health: automatic external defibrillators.*

*Existing law authorizes a school district or school to provide a comprehensive program in first aid or cardiopulmonary resuscitation training, or both, to pupils and employees, and requires the program to be developed using specified guidelines.*

*This bill would require a public school maintaining any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, to acquire and maintain at least one automatic external defibrillator (AED) in a centralized location on campus and to ensure that an AED is available for use at a school-sponsored athletic event, as that term is defined, by July 1, 2012. The bill would require the school to check the AED for readiness and maintain records of those checks, as prescribed. The bill would require the school to prepare a written emergency preparedness plan for use of an AED and to require all persons expected to administer an AED in an emergency to complete a certified training course. By placing additional duties on public schools to acquire and maintain an AED as specified, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.*

*The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state.*

*Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.*

*This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.*

~~Existing law authorizes various programs to promote environmental sustainability.~~

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to subsequently amend this bill to include provisions that would establish state level policies to promote the environmental sustainability of local communities.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.  
State-mandated local program: ~~no~~-yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. *The Legislature finds and declares all of the*
- 2     *following:*
- 3     (a) *According to the American Red Cross, sudden cardiac*
- 4     *arrests result in the death of approximately 250,000 persons per*
- 5     *year in the United States.*
- 6     (b) *Automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) are designed to*
- 7     *prevent sudden cardiac arrest deaths and access to AEDs would*
- 8     *drastically increase a person's chances of survival.*
- 9     (c) *AEDs are extremely accurate, user-friendly computerized*
- 10    *devices with voice and audio prompts that guide the user through*
- 11    *the critical steps of operation.*
- 12    (d) *Early cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and rapid*
- 13    *defibrillation combined with early advanced care dramatically*
- 14    *increases survival rates for a witnessed cardiac arrest.*
- 15    (e) *Almost 95 percent of sudden cardiac arrest victims die before*
- 16    *they reach a hospital or obtain other emergency medical attention.*
- 17    (f) *In communities with strong public access defibrillation*
- 18    *programs, the sudden cardiac arrest survival rate, when*
- 19    *defibrillation and CPR are provided within the first three minutes,*
- 20    *is up to 75 percent.*
- 21    (g) *Increasing access to AEDs in public schools will save lives.*
- 22    (h) *More Americans die each year from sudden cardiac arrest*
- 23    *than from cancer and car accidents combined.*

1 (i) California already requires health studios to acquire and  
2 maintain, and train personnel in the use of, an AED.

3 (j) The federal government already requires commercial  
4 airplanes to have an AED on board, and a sudden cardiac arrest  
5 event is 30 times more likely to occur in a school than on an  
6 airplane.

7 (k) On any given day, 20 percent of the population, both adults  
8 and children, occupy our nation's schools according to the  
9 National Athletic Trainers Association.

10 (l) An estimated 3,000 to 5,000 schoolaged children die each  
11 year from sudden cardiac arrest. In the United States, one out of  
12 every 100,000 to 300,000 high school athletes will die each year  
13 from sudden cardiac arrest.

14 (m) The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute recently  
15 published the findings of a renowned three-year study on public  
16 access to defibrillation, which concluded that AEDs double the  
17 chance of survival of a sudden cardiac arrest victim.

18 SEC. 2. Section 49416 is added to the Education Code, to read:

19 49416. (a) On or before July 1, 2012, a public school  
20 maintaining any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, shall do both of the  
21 following:

22 (1) Acquire and maintain at least one automatic external  
23 defibrillator (AED) in a centralized location on campus for the  
24 purpose of preventing deaths resulting from sudden cardiac arrests  
25 among pupils, faculty, and visitors.

26 (2) Ensure that an AED is available for use at a  
27 school-sponsored athletic event.

28 (b) The school shall check the AED for readiness after each use  
29 and at least once every 30 days if the AED has not been used the  
30 preceding 30 days. The school shall maintain records of these  
31 checks.

32 (c) The school shall prepare a written emergency preparedness  
33 plan that describes the procedures to be followed in the event of  
34 an emergency that may involve the use of an AED. The written  
35 plan shall include, but not be limited to, immediate calling of the  
36 emergency 911 telephone number.

37 (d) The school shall require all persons expected to administer  
38 an AED in an emergency to complete a certified training course  
39 for use of an AED. A person may administer an AED at the  
40 discretion of the school.

1 (e) For purposes of this section, a “school-sponsored athletic  
2 event” means a school-sponsored extracurricular athletic activity,  
3 which includes practice for and competition in an interschool  
4 athletic sporting event held at any location, including a nonpublic  
5 school facility.

6 SEC. 3. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
7 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
8 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
9 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
10 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

11 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to subsequently~~  
12 ~~amend this measure to include provisions that would establish state~~  
13 ~~level policies to promote the environmental sustainability of local~~  
14 ~~communities.~~