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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. MAYER, JACKSON -- read twice and ordered printed,  
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring on-site  
cardiac automated external defibrillators for nonpublic schools

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 917-a  
2 to read as follows:

3 § 917-a. On-site cardiac automated external defibrillator in nonpublic  
4 schools. 1. Nonpublic schools shall provide and maintain on-site in each  
5 instructional school facility automated external defibrillator (AED)  
6 equipment, as defined in paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section  
7 three thousand-b of the public health law, in quantities and types  
8 deemed by the commissioner in consultation with the commissioner of  
9 health to be adequate to ensure ready and appropriate access for use  
10 during emergencies. Nonpublic schools shall cause such AED to be main-  
11 tained and tested according to such applicable standards of the manufac-  
12 turer and any appropriate government agency.

13 2. Whenever nonpublic school facilities pursuant to subdivision one of  
14 this section are used for school-sponsored or school-approved curricular  
15 or extracurricular events or activities and whenever a school-sponsored  
16 athletic contest is held at any location, the nonpublic school officials  
17 and administrators responsible for such school facility or athletic  
18 contest shall ensure the presence of at least one staff person who is  
19 trained, pursuant to subdivision three of this section in the operation  
20 and use of an AED. Where a school-sponsored competitive athletic event  
21 is held at a site other than a nonpublic school facility, the nonpublic  
22 school officials shall ensure that AED equipment is provided on-site.

23 3. No person may operate an AED in a nonpublic school facility unless  
24 the person has successfully completed a training course in the operation  
25 of an AED approved by a nationally-recognized organization as

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 defined in paragraph (d) of subdivision one of section three thousand-b  
2 of the public health law or the state emergency medical services coun-  
3 cil. However, this section shall not prohibit operation of an AED:

4 (a) by a health care practitioner licensed or certified under title  
5 eight of this chapter or a person certified under article thirty of the  
6 public health law acting within their lawful scope of practice;

7 (b) by a person acting pursuant to a lawful prescription; or

8 (c) by a person who operates the AED other than as part of or inci-  
9 dental to their employment or regular duties, who is acting in good  
10 faith, with reasonable care, and without expectation of monetary compen-  
11 sation, to provide first aid that includes operation of an AED; nor  
12 shall this section limit any good samaritan protections provided in  
13 section three thousand-a of the public health law.

14 4. Every use of an AED on a patient in a nonpublic school shall be  
15 immediately reported to the appropriate local emergency medical services  
16 system, emergency communications center or emergency vehicle dispatch  
17 center, as appropriate.

18 5. Nonpublic schools shall notify the appropriate regional emergency  
19 services council of the existence, location and type of any AED they  
20 possess.

21 6. A nonpublic school shall post a sign or notice at the main entrance  
22 to the facility or building in which the automated external defibrilla-  
23 tor is stored, indicating the location where any such automated external  
24 defibrillator is stored or maintained in such building or facility on a  
25 regular basis.

26 7. (a) Operation of an AED pursuant to this section in a nonpublic  
27 school shall be considered first aid or emergency treatment for the  
28 purpose of any statute relating to liability; and

29 (b) Operation of an AED pursuant to this section in a nonpublic school  
30 shall not constitute the unlawful practice of a profession under title  
31 eight of this chapter.

32 § 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026. Effective immediately,  
33 the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation neces-  
34 sary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are  
35 authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.