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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. WEBB -- 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 automated external defibrillator equipment to be immediately available at school-sponsored events

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 1, 2, 3 and 4 of section 917 of the education  
2 law, as amended by chapter 61 of the laws of 2002, are amended to read  
3 as follows:

4 1. School districts, boards of cooperative educational services, coun-  
5 ty vocational education and extension boards and charter schools shall  
6 provide and maintain on-site in each instructional school facility auto-  
7 mated external defibrillator (AED) equipment, as defined in paragraph  
8 (a) of subdivision one of section three thousand-b of the public health  
9 law, in quantities and types deemed by the commissioner in consultation  
10 with the commissioner of health to be adequate to ensure ready and  
11 appropriate access for use during emergencies, provided however, and  
12 such AED shall be immediately available in and at all school sponsored  
13 events including to athletic coaching and/or training staff at the  
14 location of any school-sponsored practice or athletic event.

15 2. School districts, boards of cooperative educational services, coun-  
16 ty vocational education and extension boards and charter schools shall  
17 develop and implement a cardiac emergency response plan that addresses  
18 the appropriate use of personnel to respond to incidents involving any  
19 individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threat-  
20 ening emergency on any school site owned or operated by a school or at a  
21 location of any practice or athletic event. Such cardiac emergency  
22 response plan shall include the training of appropriate personnel  
23 including but not limited to school personnel, coaches, school nurses  
24 and athletic trainers. The cardiac emergency response plan shall inte-

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

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1 grate evidenced based core elements as recommended by the American Heart  
2 Association or other nationally recognized organization that provides  
3 the guidelines training for the use of an automated external defibrilla-  
4 tor (AED) and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and shall include  
5 provisions consistent with requirements of a public access defibrilla-  
6 tion provider pursuant to section three thousand-a and three thousand-b  
7 of the public health law.

8 3. Whenever public school facilities pursuant to subdivision one of  
9 this section are used for school sponsored or school approved curricular  
10 or extracurricular events or activities and whenever a school-sponsored  
11 athletic contest is held at any location, the public school officials  
12 and administrators responsible for such school facility or athletic  
13 contest shall ensure the presence of at least one staff person who is  
14 trained, pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision three of section three  
15 thousand-b of the public health law, in the operation and use of an AED.  
16 Where a school-sponsored [~~competitive~~] practice or athletic event is  
17 held at a site other than a public school facility, the public school  
18 officials shall assure that automated external defibrillator equipment  
19 is provided on-site at the practice or athletic event and immediately  
20 available to athletic coaching and/or training staff.

21 [~~3-~~] 4. Public school facilities and staff pursuant to subdivisions  
22 one and two of this section shall be deemed a "public access defibrilla-  
23 tion provider" as defined in paragraph (c) of subdivision one of section  
24 three thousand-b of the public health law and shall be subject to the  
25 requirements and limitations of such section.

26 [~~4-~~] 5. Pursuant to section three thousand-a and three thousand-b of  
27 the public health law, any public access defibrillation provider, or any  
28 employee or other agent of the provider who, in accordance with the  
29 provisions of this section, voluntarily and without expectation of mone-  
30 tary compensation renders emergency medical or first aid treatment using  
31 an AED which has been made available pursuant to this section, to a  
32 person who is unconscious, ill or injured, shall be liable only pursuant  
33 to section three thousand-a of the public health law.

34 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
35 it shall have become a law.