

SENATE BILL No. 351

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT establishing requirements for school safety and security plans
2 and cardiac emergency response plans; creating the school safety and
3 security grant fund and the school cardiac emergency response grant
4 fund.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. (a) The state board of education shall develop and adopt
8 statewide standards for school safety and security plans and cardiac
9 emergency response plans. In developing such standards, the state board of
10 education shall consult with the office of the adjutant general, the Kansas
11 bureau of investigation, the department of health and environment, the
12 state fire marshal and with any other state agencies, municipal agencies
13 and school boards as the state board deems necessary.

14 (b) The standards developed by the state board of education shall
15 include, but shall not be limited to:

16 (1) Evaluation of the infrastructure of school buildings and
17 attendance centers for compliance with standards adopted under
18 subsections (e) and (f);

19 (2) training of school district employees on school safety and security
20 policies and procedures and cardiac emergency response policies and
21 procedures;

22 (3) conducting student drills on emergency situations;

23 (4) procedures for making notifications to individuals located outside
24 of the school building during emergency situations and maintaining
25 communication with law enforcement agencies, emergency management
26 agencies, emergency medical services and other necessary individuals;

27 (5) procedures for securing school buildings during an emergency
28 situation;

29 (6) procedures for emergency evacuation of school buildings,
30 including evacuation routes and sites;

31 (7) procedures for recovery after an emergency situation ceases;

32 (8) coordination and incorporation of school safety and security plans
33 and cardiac emergency response plans within existing school district
34 emergency response plans;

35 (9) distribution of school safety and security plans and cardiac
36 emergency response plans to local law enforcement agencies and

1 emergency management agencies;

2 (10) procedures for ensuring accountability in adopting and
3 implementing school safety and security plans and cardiac emergency
4 response plans in accordance with the statewide standards adopted by the
5 state board; and

6 (11) any other policies and procedures the state board deems
7 necessary for school safety and security plans or cardiac emergency
8 response plans.

9 (c) As part of such standards, the state board shall identify roles and
10 responsibilities for implementing school safety and security plans and
11 cardiac emergency response plans at the school district and school building
12 levels, including, but not limited to, the role of local law enforcement
13 agencies and local emergency management agencies when partnering with
14 school districts in the development and implementation of such plans.

15 (d) The state board may consider and utilize any materials,
16 documentation or videos that are available through the United States
17 department of homeland security in developing standards for school safety
18 and security plans, and any such resources that are available through the
19 United States department of health and human services, the American
20 heart association or any other nationally recognized, guidelines-based
21 organization focused on emergency cardiovascular care in developing
22 standards for cardiac emergency response plans.

23 (e) The statewide standards for school safety and security plans shall
24 address, but shall not be limited to:

25 (1) The infrastructure of school buildings and attendance centers
26 operated by school districts, including, but not limited to, secured
27 entrances, windows and other facets of the structural integrity of such
28 buildings;

29 (2) security technology to be utilized in such buildings, including, but
30 not limited to, intrusion detection systems and security cameras;

31 (3) communications systems, including, but not limited to, systems
32 for interoperability between the school district and law enforcement
33 agencies; and

34 (4) any other systems or facilities the state board deems necessary for
35 the safety and security of such buildings.

36 (f) The statewide standards for cardiac emergency response plans
37 shall address, but shall not be limited to:

38 (1) The appropriate use of school personnel to respond to incidents
39 involving an individual experiencing suspected sudden cardiac arrest while
40 on school grounds, including incidents involving an individual attending
41 or participating in an athletic practice or event, whether such practice or
42 event is conducted on school grounds or at a separate location;

43 (2) establishing a cardiac emergency response team;

1 (3) implementing placement of automated external defibrillators and
2 routine maintenance of such devices within school buildings, including
3 appropriate placement in accordance with guidelines established by the
4 American heart association or any nationally recognized, guidelines-based
5 organization focused on emergency cardiovascular care;

6 (4) identifying the location of each automated external defibrillator;

7 (5) training of school personnel in the use of automated external
8 defibrillators and cardiopulmonary resuscitation during an emergency in
9 accordance with guidelines established by the American heart association
10 or any nationally recognized, guidelines-based organization focused on
11 emergency cardiovascular care;

12 (6) communications systems with local emergency medical services;
13 and

14 (7) developing an event-specific emergency action plan for each
15 school-sanctioned event held at a location separate from school grounds
16 that includes:

17 (A) The roles of school and emergency medical services personnel,
18 communications systems and available emergency equipment, including a
19 portable automated external defibrillator; and

20 (B) access to and plan for emergency transport.

21 (g) The state board shall regularly review and update the standards
22 for school safety and security plans and cardiac emergency response plans.
23 Any changes to such standards shall be provided to each school district by
24 written notification upon adoption by the state board.

25 (h) The state board shall provide notice of the adopted standards to
26 those state agencies with whom the state board consulted in developing
27 such standards. To the extent such standards contain emergency or security
28 information or procedures, the state board shall maintain the
29 confidentiality of such standards when sending notices pursuant to this
30 subsection.

31 Sec. 2. (a) The board of education of each school district shall adopt a
32 comprehensive school safety and security plan based on the statewide
33 standards adopted by the state board of education under section 1, and
34 amendments thereto. Prior to the adoption of a school safety and security
35 plan, each school district shall consult with one or more local law
36 enforcement agencies and local emergency management agencies to
37 review and evaluate:

38 (1) Existing infrastructure of school buildings and attendance centers
39 operated by such school district; and

40 (2) current school district safety and security policies and procedures.

41 The local law enforcement agencies and emergency management
42 agencies may provide guidance on improving a school district's building
43 infrastructure or safety and security polices and procedures. The review

1 and evaluation, and any guidance provided, shall be done in accordance
2 with the standards adopted by the state board under section 1, and
3 amendments thereto. Upon adoption of a school safety and security plan,
4 the superintendent of the school district shall send a copy of such plan to
5 each local law enforcement agency and emergency management agency
6 with whom the school district consulted, and to the state board of
7 education.

8 (b) (1) The board of education of each school district shall adopt a
9 comprehensive cardiac emergency response plan based on the statewide
10 standards adopted by the state board of education under section 1, and
11 amendments thereto.

12 (2) Upon adoption, the cardiac emergency response plan shall be:

13 (A) Provided to appropriate local law enforcement and emergency
14 medical services and all school personnel;

15 (B) reviewed by a school administrator with all school personnel
16 prior to the first instructional day of each school year. The time and date of
17 such review shall be documented as part of the plan; and

18 (C) reviewed at the end of each school year by the school building
19 administrators, school nurses and appropriate local law enforcement and
20 emergency medical services.

21 (3) The cardiac emergency response plan shall be rehearsed by
22 simulation within 30 days prior to the beginning of each athletic season by
23 all athletic directors, school nurses and all coaches, assistant coaches and
24 athletic trainers who are coaching or otherwise participating in such
25 athletic season.

26 (4) Each athletic coach shall obtain a cardiopulmonary resuscitation
27 certification or training recognized by a national accrediting body on heart
28 health. At least one individual with such certification or training shall be in
29 attendance at every interscholastic athletic practice and competition.
30 Courses for such certification or training shall:

31 (A) Be reviewed at least once every 30 months and revised if needed;

32 (B) be completed through hands-on or online teaching methods in 10
33 hours or less; and

34 (C) include an end-of-course examination with a minimum qualifying
35 score for successful course completion established by the board of
36 education or the entity conducting such training.

37 Sec. 3. (a) There is hereby established the school safety and security
38 grant program to be administered by the state board of education. Each
39 school district may submit an application to the state board of education in
40 such form and manner as prescribed by the state board for an amount of
41 grant moneys needed by such school district to implement such district's
42 school safety and security plan adopted pursuant to section 2, and
43 amendments thereto. Each grant application shall include a copy of the

1 current school district safety and security plan, including all policies and
2 procedures adopted for the implementation of such plan, and a description
3 of the school safety and security improvements the district determines
4 necessary for such implementation. The state board shall review all
5 submitted applications and approve or deny such applications based on
6 whether the applicant school district has demonstrated the necessity for the
7 school safety and security improvements described in the application. As
8 part of its review, the state board may conduct a hearing and provide the
9 applicant school district an opportunity to present testimony as to the
10 necessity of such school safety and security improvements. If the state
11 board approves an application, it shall determine the amount of moneys to
12 be disbursed to the applicant school district from the school safety and
13 security grant fund. If the state board denies an application, then, within 15
14 days of such denial, the state board shall send written notice of such denial
15 to the superintendent of such school district.

16 (b) All administrative proceedings pursuant to this section shall be
17 conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative
18 procedure act. Any action by the state board of education pursuant to this
19 section shall be subject to review in accordance with the Kansas judicial
20 review act.

21 (c) There is hereby established in the state treasury the school safety
22 and security grant fund to be administered by the department of education.
23 All expenditures from the school safety and security grant fund shall be
24 used for the disbursement of grant moneys for school safety and security
25 improvements in accordance with this section and shall be made in
26 accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of
27 accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the
28 commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee. Upon receipt
29 of such grant moneys, the school district treasurer shall deposit the amount
30 of such award in the general fund of the school district.

31 Sec. 4. (a) There is hereby established the school cardiac emergency
32 response grant program to be administered by the department of health and
33 environment. Each school district may submit an application to the
34 secretary of health and environment in such form and manner as
35 prescribed by the secretary for an amount of grant moneys needed by such
36 school district to implement such district's cardiac emergency response
37 plan adopted pursuant to section 2, and amendments thereto. Each grant
38 application shall include a copy of the current school district cardiac
39 emergency response plan, including all policies and procedures adopted
40 for the implementation of such plan, and a description of the school
41 improvements the district determines necessary for such implementation.
42 The secretary shall review all submitted applications and approve or deny
43 such applications based on whether the applicant school district has

1 demonstrated the necessity of the school improvements described in the
2 application. As part of such review, the secretary may conduct a hearing
3 and provide the applicant school district an opportunity to present
4 testimony as to the necessity of such school improvements. If the secretary
5 approves an application, the secretary shall determine the amount of
6 moneys to be disbursed to the applicant school district from the school
7 cardiac emergency response grant fund. If the secretary denies an
8 application, then, within 15 days of such denial, the secretary shall send
9 written notice of such denial to the superintendent of such school district.

10 (b) All administrative proceedings pursuant to this section shall be
11 conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative
12 procedure act. Any action by the secretary of health and environment
13 pursuant to this section shall be subject to review in accordance with the
14 Kansas judicial review act.

15 (c) There is hereby established in the state treasury the school cardiac
16 emergency response grant fund to be administered by the department of
17 health and environment. All expenditures from the school cardiac
18 emergency response grant fund shall be used for the disbursement of grant
19 moneys for school improvements in accordance with this section and shall
20 be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the
21 director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by
22 the secretary of health and environment or the secretary's designee. Upon
23 receipt of such grant moneys, the school district treasurer shall deposit the
24 amount of such award in the general fund of the school district.

25 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
26 publication in the statute book.