

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 454—ASSEMBLYMEMBER NADEEM

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Enacts a Smart Heart Law for public and private schools. (BDR 34-1029)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: No.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§§ 2, 6)
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to education; providing for the development, review and updating of athletic emergency action plans for use by public and private high schools in responding to serious or life-threatening injuries sustained by pupils participating in certain school athletic activities; establishing requirements for certain training and certification for coaches, managers and other persons associated with such school athletic activities; establishing requirements for maintaining an automated external defibrillator at each public or private high school in this State for use during the school day or during certain school athletic activities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law requires the board of trustees of each school district in a county
2 whose population is 100,000 or more (currently Clark County School District and
3 Washoe County School District) to provide at least one automated external
4 defibrillator at each high school within the school district. (NRS 450B.600)
5 Existing law additionally authorizes: (1) the board of trustees of each school district
6 in a county whose population is 100,000 or more to provide an automated external
7 defibrillator in each school in the school district, other than a high school, and at
8 each athletic facility maintained by the school district that is in a separate location
9 from a public school; and (2) the board of trustees of any other school district to
10 provide an automated external defibrillator in each school in the school district and
11 at each athletic facility maintained by the school district that is in a separate



location from a public school. (NRS 450B.620) **Section 6** of this bill: (1) extends to all public and private high schools in this State the requirement to maintain an automated external defibrillator and requires an automated external defibrillator to be accessible during the school day and during all school athletic activities; and (2) requires each coach, manager or other person who is associated with such a school athletic activity to complete training in the operation and use of an automated external defibrillator. Under **section 6**, a school athletic activity is: (1) an interscholastic activity or event governed by the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association or any other interscholastic athletic activity or event involving an organized athletic game or competition against another team, club or entity; or (2) any practice or preparation for any such interscholastic activity or event. **Section 7** of this bill makes a conforming change to reflect that the requirement to maintain an automated external defibrillator is extended to all public and private high schools.

Sections 2 and 4 of this bill require the establishment of athletic emergency action plans for use by public and private high schools in responding to serious or life-threatening injuries sustained by pupils participating in school athletic activities. Under **section 2**, the board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school is required to develop a model for such a plan and provide the model to each principal of a high school or charter high school. **Section 2** requires the principal of each high school or charter high school to use the model to develop a site-specific plan for the high school or charter high school, as applicable, that satisfies certain minimum requirements, including, without limitation: (1) identifying the personnel in each school who are responsible for carrying out the plan; (2) identifying providers of health care who may provide medical care during the activities; (3) identifying equipment and supplies that may be needed to respond to a medical emergency at such activities; (4) describing procedures to be followed after a serious or life-threatening injury; and (5) providing contact information for emergency medical services and directions to assist emergency medical personnel in accessing the location of the activity. Finally, **section 2** requires each coach, manager or other person who is associated with a school athletic activity to attend training on the athletic emergency action plan for his or her school, which must include, without limitation, a rehearsal of actions required under the plan to respond to a serious or life-threatening injury to a pupil participating in a school athletic activity. **Section 4** requires the governing body of a private school that operates as a high school to develop an athletic emergency action plan for the school and imposes the same requirements related to such a plan as are set forth in **section 2** for public schools.

Existing law requires the board of trustees of each school district to establish a plan for teachers and other licensed educational personnel in the school district who teach or supervise pupils in physical education to obtain training and certification in the administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation. (NRS 391.092) Existing regulations require coaches of a school team participating in an interscholastic activity or event governed by the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association to be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and to complete certain training in administering first aid. (NAC 385B.798) **Section 1** of this bill requires each coach, manager or other person who is associated with any school athletic activity in a school district to obtain training and certification in the administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation. **Section 5** of this bill applies this requirement to each coach, manager or person who is associated with any school athletic activity or event at a private school.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 391.092 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.092 1. The board of trustees of each school district:

(a) Shall establish a plan for the teachers and other licensed educational personnel in the school district who teach or supervise pupils in physical education ~~§~~ *and each coach, manager or other person who is associated with a school athletic activity in the school district;* and

(b) May establish a plan for the teachers and other licensed educational personnel in the school district who teach or supervise pupils in courses of study or activities other than physical education which involve a high risk that cardiopulmonary resuscitation will need to be administered during the course of study or activity, ➤ to receive the training which is necessary for certification in the administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

2. A plan established by the board of trustees pursuant to subsection 1 must:

(a) Comply with the guidelines established by the American National Red Cross or the American Heart Association for the certification of persons in the administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation;

(b) Set forth the courses of study and activities offered at schools within the district other than physical education which involve a high risk that cardiopulmonary resuscitation will need to be administered during the course of study or activity, including, without limitation, laboratory sciences, vocational education, special education, competitive sports and the transportation of pupils; and

(c) Set forth an estimation of the time and resources necessary for all personnel of the district to obtain certification in the administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

3. The board of trustees of each school district shall submit to the State Board any plan that it establishes pursuant to subsection 1.

4. A teacher or other person who:

(a) Is licensed pursuant to this chapter; and

(b) Teaches or supervises:

(1) Physical education; or

(2) A course of study or an activity that the board of trustees of the school district in which the person is employed has identified as involving a high risk that cardiopulmonary resuscitation will need to be administered during the course of study or activity and for which the board of trustees has established a plan pursuant to subsection 1,



1 ➡ shall establish and maintain current certification in the
2 administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation in accordance with
3 the plan established by the board of trustees.

4 5. *A coach, manager or other person who is associated with a*
5 *school athletic activity in the school district shall establish and*
6 *maintain current certification in the administration of*
7 *cardiopulmonary resuscitation in accordance with the plan*
8 *established by the board of trustees.*

9 6. The board of trustees of a school district may enter into an
10 agreement with a local fire department, a local law enforcement
11 agency or a nonprofit organization to provide the training and
12 certification required by the plan.

13 7. *As used in this section, "school athletic activity" has the*
14 *meaning ascribed to it in section 6 of this act.*

15 **Sec. 2.** Chapter 392 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
16 thereto a new section to read as follows:

17 1. *The board of trustees of each school district and the*
18 *governing body of each charter school shall develop, annually*
19 *review and, as necessary, update a model athletic emergency*
20 *action plan for use by each public school that provides instruction*
21 *to pupils enrolled in a high school grade level in responding to*
22 *serious or life-threatening injuries sustained by pupils*
23 *participating in school athletic activities.*

24 2. A model athletic emergency action plan must:

25 (a) *Integrate nationally recognized, evidence-based core*
26 *elements or standards;*

27 (b) *Be developed in consultation with local emergency medical*
28 *services personnel; and*

29 (c) *For a plan developed or updated by:*

30 (1) *The board of trustees of a school district, be provided by*
31 *the board of trustees of each school district to the principal of each*
32 *public high school within the school district, other than a charter*
33 *school; or*

34 (2) *The governing body of a charter school that provides*
35 *instruction to pupils enrolled in a high school grade level, be*
36 *provided by the principal of the charter school.*

37 3. *Based on the model athletic emergency action plan*
38 *developed or updated pursuant to subsection 1, the principal of*
39 *each high school and the principal of each charter school that*
40 *provides instruction to pupils enrolled in a high school grade level*
41 *shall, in consultation with local emergency medical services*
42 *personnel, develop a site-specific athletic emergency action plan*
43 *for a school year, which must, at a minimum:*

44 (a) *Identify the address or venue of each school athletic*
45 *activity for the applicable school year;*



(b) Be memorialized as a written document, specific to the sites under control of the school where a school athletic activity is conducted;

(c) Identify the personnel in the school who are responsible for carrying out the athletic emergency action plan, including, without limitation, the responsibilities assigned to that person and the designated chain of command;

(d) Identify any providers of health care who may provide medical care during school athletic activities;

(e) Identify any equipment and supplies that may be needed to respond to a medical emergency at a school athletic activity, including, without limitation, the location of each item;

(f) Describe the proper procedures to be followed after a serious or life-threatening injury occurs, including, without limitation, responding to the injured person, summoning emergency medical care, assisting emergency medical responders and documenting the actions taken during the emergency; and

(g) Provide contact information for emergency medical services and directions to assist emergency medical personnel in accessing the location of a school athletic activity.

4. The board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school that provides instruction to pupils enrolled in a high school grade level shall require each coach, manager or other person who is associated with a school athletic activity to attend, at least once each school year, a training on the athletic emergency action plan of the high school or charter school, as applicable, for which the coach, manager or other person is working in connection with a school athletic activity. The training must include, without limitation, a rehearsal of actions that must be taken under the athletic emergency action plan of the high school or charter school, as applicable, to respond to serious or life-threatening injuries sustained by a pupil participating in a school athletic activity.

5. As used in this section, "school athletic activity" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 6 of this act.

Sec. 3. Chapter 394 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 4 and 5 of this act.

Sec. 4. 1. The governing body of each private school that operates as a high school shall develop, annually review and, as necessary, update an athletic emergency action plan for use by the private school in responding to serious or life-threatening injuries sustained by pupils participating in school athletic activities.

2. An athletic emergency action plan must:

(a) Integrate nationally recognized, evidence-based core elements or standards;



(b) Be developed in consultation with local emergency medical services personnel; and

(c) Be specific to the site of the private school.

3. At a minimum, an athletic emergency action plan must:

(a) Identify the address or venue of each school athletic activity for the applicable school year;

(b) Be memorialized as a written document, specific to the sites under control of the school where a school athletic activity is conducted;

(c) Identify the personnel in the school who are responsible for carrying out the athletic emergency action plan, including, without limitation, the responsibilities assigned to that person and the designated chain of command;

(d) Identify any providers of health care who may provide medical care during school athletic activities;

(e) Identify any equipment and supplies that may be needed to respond to a medical emergency at a school athletic activity, including, without limitation, the location of each item;

(f) Describe the proper procedures to be followed after a serious or life-threatening injury occurs, including, without limitation, responding to the injured person, summoning emergency medical care, assisting emergency medical responders and documenting the actions taken during the emergency; and

(g) Provide contact information for emergency medical services and directions to assist emergency medical personnel in accessing the location of a school athletic activity.

4. The governing body of each private school that operates as a high school shall require each coach, manager and any other person who is associated with a school athletic activity for the private school to attend, at least once each school year, a training on the athletic emergency action plan of the private school. The training must include, without limitation, a rehearsal of actions that must be taken under the athletic emergency action plan of the private school to respond to serious or life-threatening injuries sustained by a pupil participating in a school athletic activity.

5. As used in this section, “school athletic activity” has the meaning ascribed to it in section 6 of this act.

Sec. 5. 1. The governing body of each private school that operates as a high school shall establish a plan for each coach, manager or other person who is associated with a school athletic activity of the private school to receive the training which is necessary for certification in the administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

2. A plan established by the governing body of a private school pursuant to subsection 1 must:



(a) Comply with the guidelines established by the American National Red Cross or the American Heart Association for the certification of persons in the administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and

(b) Set forth an estimation of the time and resources necessary for coaches, managers and other persons associated with a school athletic activity of the private school to obtain certification in the administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

3. A coach, manager or other person who is associated with a school athletic activity of the private school shall establish and maintain current certification in the administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation in accordance with the plan established by the governing body of the private school.

4. The governing body of a private school may enter into an agreement with a local fire department, a local law enforcement agency or a nonprofit organization to provide the training and certification required by the plan.

5. As used in this section, "school athletic activity" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 6 of this act.

Sec. 6. Chapter 450B of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The board of trustees of each school district, the governing body of each charter school and the governing body of each private school in this State shall maintain an automated external defibrillator that is accessible during the school day at each school in which any of the grades 9 to 12, inclusive, are taught, and during all school athletic activities in which pupils in any of the grades 9 to 12, inclusive, are participating.

2. During a school athletic activity, an automated external defibrillator must be located on-site at the school athletic activity or placed and made available in an unlocked location that allows for the automated external defibrillator to be used on a person who may experience a sudden cardiac arrest event while the person is on-site at the school athletic activity.

3. The board of trustees of each school district, the governing body of each charter school and the governing body of each private school in this State shall:

(a) Ensure that an automated external defibrillator maintained pursuant to subsection 1 is appropriate for use on children and adults and is inspected and maintained on a regular basis; and

(b) Require any employee who will use a defibrillator, and each coach, manager or other person who is associated with a school athletic activity, to complete the training requirements of a course in basic emergency care of a person in cardiac arrest that includes training in the operation and use of an automated



external defibrillator and is conducted in accordance with standards of the American Heart Association, the American National Red Cross or any similar organization.

4. The board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school may:

(a) Use an automated external defibrillator placed at a school pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 450B.600 or subsection 1 of 450B.620 to comply with the requirements of subsection 1.

(b) Accept:

(1) The donation of an automated external defibrillator that complies with the standards established by the United States Food and Drug Administration; and

(2) Gifts, grants and donations for use in obtaining, inspecting and maintaining an automated external defibrillator.

5. As used in this section, "school athletic activity" means:

(a) An interscholastic activity or event governed by the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association pursuant to chapter 385B of NRS;

(b) Any other interscholastic athletic activity or event involving an organized athletic game or competition against another team, club or entity; or

(c) Any practice or preparation for an interscholastic activity or event described in paragraph (a) or (b).

Sec. 7. NRS 450B.620 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.620 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 450B.600 and section 6 of this act, the board of trustees of each school district in this State, to the extent that money is available, may provide for the placement of an automated external defibrillator in each public school in the school district and at each athletic facility maintained by the school district at a location that is separate from a public school. Each defibrillator must be appropriate for use on children and adults and be limited to use on school property and at school events. The board of trustees may accept:

(a) The donation of a defibrillator that complies with the standards established by the United States Food and Drug Administration; and

(b) Gifts, grants and donations for use in obtaining, inspecting and maintaining a defibrillator.

2. Each medical facility and health club in this State may provide for the placement of an automated external defibrillator in a central location at the medical facility or health club.

3. Each school district, medical facility and health club that provides for the placement of one or more automated external defibrillators pursuant to this section shall:



(a) Ensure that each defibrillator is inspected and maintained on a regular basis; and

(b) Require any employee who will use a defibrillator to complete the training requirements of a course in basic emergency care of a person in cardiac arrest that includes training in the operation and use of an automated external defibrillator and is conducted in accordance with the standards of the American Heart Association, the American National Red Cross or any similar organization.

4. As used in this section:

(a) “Health club” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 598.9415.

(b) “Medical facility” means:

(1) A facility for hospice care as defined in NRS 449.0033;

(2) A facility for intermediate care as defined in NRS 449.0038;

(3) A facility for skilled nursing as defined in NRS 449.0039;

(4) A hospital as defined in NRS 449.012;

(5) An independent center for emergency medical care as defined in NRS 449.013; or

(6) A surgical center for ambulatory patients as defined in NRS 449.019.

(c) “School property” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 701B.350.

Sec. 8. The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.

Sec. 9. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025.



