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SUMMARY

Digest: Requires schools to have a plan for a cardiac emergency, which must include AEDs. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.7).

Directs schools to have a cardiac emergency response plan as part of the procedures for responding to medical emergencies. Prescribes the requirements of a cardiac emergency response plan, including requirements related to automated external defibrillators.

Takes effect on July 1, 2026.

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to procedures for medical emergencies in schools; creating new
3 provisions; amending ORS 339.345 and 339.405; and prescribing an effec-
4 tive date.

5 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

6 SECTION 1. ORS 339.405 is amended to read:

7 339.405. (1) As used in this section:

8 (a) "Evacuate" means a procedure used when students and staff need to
9 move from one location to another.

10 (b) "Hold" means a procedure used to keep students and staff in class-
11 rooms while a disruption or minor emergency is resolved.

12 (c) "Lockdown" means a procedure used when a threat or hazard is inside
13 the building.

14 (d) "Secure" means a procedure used when a threat or hazard is outside
15 the building.

16 (e) "Shelter in place" is a procedure used to respond to and take protec-
17 tive actions based on a threat or hazard that may include an earthquake,
18 tsunami or other natural or environmental hazard.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (2) Each school district must maintain a comprehensive safety program
2 for all students and staff. The program must include procedures for:
3 (a) Responding to emergency situations that address an immediate threat
4 to safety, including an evacuation, a hold, a lockdown, a secure and a shelter
5 in place;
6 (b) Providing communicable disease management;
7 (c) Responding to medical emergencies, **including a cardiac emergency**
8 **response plan that complies with ORS 339.345**; and
9 (d) Providing instruction as described in ORS 339.408.
10 (3) The State Board of Education may adopt rules related to a program
11 required under this section.

12 **SECTION 2.** ORS 339.345 is amended to read:

13 339.345. *[Each school campus in a school district, private school campus*
14 *and public charter school campus shall have on the premises at least one au-*
15 *tomated external defibrillator.] Every kindergarten through grade 12*
16 *public or private school is required to have a plan for cardiac emer-*
17 *gency responses. The plan must:*

18 **(1) To the greatest extent practicable, align with core elements es-**
19 **tablished by a national organization focused on emergency**
20 **cardiovascular care.**

21 **(2) Include the provision of at least one automated external**
22 **defibrillator at the school.**

23 **(3) Provide for the placement of automated external defibrillators**
24 **in a manner that:**

25 **(a) To the greatest extent practicable, is in accordance with guide-**
26 **lines established by a national organization focused on emergency**
27 **cardiovascular care; and**

28 **(b) Is in locations that are clearly identified, unlocked and accessi-**
29 **ble when:**

30 **(A) Students are at school; and**

31 **(B) Students are at athletic practices or competitions at the school.**

1 **(4) Establish a procedure for the sharing of the locations of auto-**
2 **mated external defibrillators at the school with local emergency med-**
3 **ical services providers.**

4 **(5) Require the maintenance and testing of automated external**
5 **defibrillators at the school as provided by the manufacturer's guide-**
6 **lines.**

7 **(6) Require every coach, as defined in ORS 336.485, and other ap-**
8 **propriate staff, as determined by the school, to be trained in**
9 **cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automated external**
10 **defibrillators.**

11 **(7) Provide for an annual review of the plan and review of whether**
12 **the school is in compliance with the plan.**

13 **SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 339.345 and 339.405 by sections**
14 **1 and 2 of this 2026 Act first apply to the 2026-2027 school year.**

15 **SECTION 4. This 2026 Act takes effect on July 1, 2026.**

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