

HB 4160 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The amendment requires schools to have a cardiac emergency response plan for responding to medical emergencies. It establishes requirements for the response plan, including alignment with national standards as well as the placement, identification, and maintenance of automated external defibrillators (AEDs). It requires athletic coaches and other staff to be trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of AEDs. It takes effect July 1, 2026.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

- 1 Postpones the bill's effective date by one year.

BACKGROUND:

An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a portable electronic device used to treat sudden cardiac arrest, i.e. when a person's heart suddenly stops working. Senate Bill 556 (2009) required the owner of a place of public assembly to have on the premises at least one AED. It exempted facilities owned by school districts, education service districts, private schools, public charter schools, and facilities primarily used for worship or education associated with worship. Senate Bill 1033 (2010) required schools to have at least one AED on premises by January 1, 2015. In 2025, the Legislative Assembly considered but did not enact House Bill 2529, which would have enacted provisions similar to House Bill 4067-1.