



2026 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1073

Introduced by: **Representative** Heermann

1 **An Act to provide for the creation of a cardiac emergency plan in every school.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 13-33A:**

4 Each board of a school district and governing board of an accredited nonpublic
 5 school shall provide for the implementation of a cardiac emergency response plan in every
 6 school under its control.

7 Each plan must be developed in collaboration with local emergency service
 8 providers, using nationally recognized core elements related to cardiac emergency
 9 response. The plan must provide for:

10 (1) The creation of a cardiac emergency response team able to respond to incidents of
 11 sudden cardiac arrest or similar life-threatening emergencies on school grounds;

12 (2) The placement of automated external defibrillators in clearly marked, unlocked,
 13 accessible locations on school grounds and at each athletic venue where practices
 14 or competitions are held;

15 (3) The provision of staff training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an
 16 automated external defibrillator; and

17 (4) The procedures for responding to incidents of sudden cardiac arrest or similar life-
 18 threatening emergencies at all school-sanctioned or school-sponsored activities.

19 The board of each school district and the governing board of each accredited
 20 nonpublic school shall review the cardiac emergency response plan for every school under
 21 its control and shall provide for the annual testing and any required maintenance of each
 22 automated external defibrillator.

23 The board of each school district and the governing board of each accredited
 24 nonpublic school shall conduct, at each school under its control, an annual drill responding
 25 to incidents of sudden cardiac arrest or similar life-threatening emergencies, as provided
 26 in the school's cardiac emergency response plan.

1 **Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 13-33A:**

2 Every public and accredited nonpublic school shall arrange for annual training in
3 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first-aid, and the use of an automated external defibrillator
4 for each employee serving as:

5 (1) An athletic trainer, licensed pursuant to chapter 36-29;

6 (2) A coach participating in a school-sanctioned or school-sponsored athletic activity;

7 (3) A school nurse; and

8 (4) A member of the school's cardiac emergency response team, pursuant to section
9 1 of this Act.

10 Training must consist of at least three hours of instruction, be provided by an
11 emergency medical services provider, or an organization approved by the Department of
12 Health, and follow evidence-based guidelines on emergency cardiovascular care set forth
13 by a nationally recognized organization.