

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1006

Introduced by: Representatives Rave and Curd and Senator Dempster

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Encouraging all South Dakota schools to place a sufficient  
2 number of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in their facilities, at their athletic  
3 fields, and with their athletic staff, and to adopt a medical emergency response plan that  
4 includes AED use.

5 WHEREAS, schools and school-sponsored athletic events are attended daily across South  
6 Dakota by thousands of adults and students; and

7 WHEREAS, one thousand two hundred Americans die every day from sudden cardiac  
8 arrest, totaling approximately four hundred fifty thousand victims each year; and

9 WHEREAS, sudden cardiac arrest is the leading cause of death in young athletes; and

10 WHEREAS, we know there are a significant number of young athletes with undetected,  
11 underlying heart disease that predisposes them to sudden cardiac arrest, especially at times of  
12 exertion; and

13 WHEREAS, it generally takes six to twelve minutes for the average U.S. emergency medical  
14 services team to arrive at the scene of a medical emergency, and studies show survival rates  
15 drop seven to ten percent every minute defibrillation is delayed; and



1       WHEREAS, out-of-hospital survival rates from sudden cardiac arrest are about five percent,  
2 yet recent studies show that up to seventy percent of victims survive when AEDs are accessible  
3 and used within three to four minutes; and

4       WHEREAS, results from the largest-ever clinical trial studying the outcome of public access  
5 to defibrillation were presented in 2006 at the American Heart Association's Annual Scientific  
6 Sessions, and the data indicated that the number of survivors from sudden cardiac arrest in  
7 public locations approximately doubled when lay persons called 911 and administered CPR and  
8 AED therapy; and

9       WHEREAS, the presence of AEDs in schools improves public awareness of what sudden  
10 cardiac arrest is, what AEDs are, and the importance of immediate bystander action:

11       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-  
12 fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South  
13 Dakota Legislature encourages all South Dakota schools to place a sufficient number of  
14 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in their facilities, at their athletic fields, and with  
15 their athletic staff, and to adopt a medical emergency response plan that includes AED use.