

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1006

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South Dakota

Legislature encourages all South Dakota schools to place a sufficient number of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in their facilities, at their athletic fields, and with their athletic staff, and to adopt a medical emergency response plan that includes AED use.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

February 11, 2009
February 13, 2009

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