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RED BANNER UPDATE

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Re: SB 1921

Signed: June 14, 2024

Effective: July 1, 2024

Topic: Chase Morris Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act

Summary: This bill amends existing law (70 O.S. § 24-156) to now require *school nurses and athletic trainers*, along with coaches, complete a state health department sudden cardiac arrest training course. The revised law also now specifies that training will include first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and use of an automated external defibrillator, and also follow guidelines set by a nationally recognized, guidelines-based organization focused on emergency cardiovascular care.

A section has been added to the law which states that each public school in the state shall develop a sudden cardiac emergency response plan. The plan shall be formulated by a school site administrator and presented to the school district board of education. The plan shall:

1. Establish and provide for membership of a sudden cardiac emergency response team for each school site. Each team shall include a school site administrator;
2. Activate the team in response to a sudden cardiac arrest;
3. Implement automated external defibrillator (AED) placement and routine maintenance within the school as needed and dictated by the plan and in accordance with guidelines set by a nationally recognized, guidelines-based organization focused on emergency cardiovascular care. The plan shall provide for implementation of clearly marked and easily accessible AED placement;
4. Provide for communication and dissemination of the plan throughout the school campus;



5. Require the response team to practice the plan by conducting periodic drills;
6. Provide for coordination with emergency medical service providers that serve the area in which the school is located;
7. Address athletic events and athletic facilities at each middle school and high school site provided:
 - a. an AED shall be placed at each athletic venue or be accessible within one to three minutes of each venue where athletic practices or competitions are held, or
 - b. a mobile AED device shall be on the premises in accordance with guidelines set by a nationally recognized, guidelines-based organization focused on emergency cardiovascular care;
8. Provide for appropriate school staff to be trained in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of an AED in accordance with guidelines set by a nationally recognized, guidelines-based organization focused on emergency cardiovascular care. The plan shall stipulate the appropriate staff to receive training which shall include, but not be limited to, athletic coaches, school nurses, and athletic trainers; and
9. Be reviewed by the school district board of education and sudden cardiac emergency response team members and updated annually.

In addition, 70 O.S. § 1210.200 has been revised to provide that any school district that makes automated external defibrillators available in schools or on school district property shall use the guidelines set by a nationally recognized, guidelines-based organization focused on emergency cardiovascular care in determining placement of automated external defibrillators on school district property and their routine maintenance needs.

Legal counsel at the firm is currently reviewing this legislation and will be advising clients as to any recommended changes to existing district policies.