



S.F. No. 1457 – Cardiac Emergency Response Plans (First Engrossment)

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Section 1. [121A.241] Cardiac Emergency Response Plan.

Subdivision 1. **Cardiac emergency response plan.** (a) Defines “cardiac emergency response plan” as a document that establishes specific steps to reduce death from cardiac arrest. Requires the plan to integrate evidence-based core elements.

(b) Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, requires a school district or charter schools to develop a cardiac emergency response plan that addresses the appropriate use of school personnel to respond to incidents involving an individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest while on school grounds or at a school-sponsored activity. Requires the district or charter school to consult with athletic trainers when developing the plan. Requires a school principal to ensure the plan is:

- 1) Available to the school community on the website and in paper form;
- 2) distributed to all coaches and other athletic staff members, all persons responsible for executing the plan in the event of a cardiac emergency, all health care professionals that provide medical services during school-sponsored activities, and to other appropriate school staff; and
- 3) annually reviewed, rehearsed, and revised, as necessary.

(c) Requires the plan to:

- 1) identify the members of the cardiac emergency response team at each school site who are on duty during the regular school day;
- 2) provide guidelines for the cardiac emergency response team’s response to sudden cardiac arrest;
- 3) require that automated external defibrillators (AEDs) are clearly marked and placed in accordance with American Heart Association guidelines. Requires AEDs to be available for use in an unlocked location at each school and athletic venue or event;
- 4) require training on cardiopulmonary resuscitation and AED use for coaches, assistant coaches, and other school staff;
- 5) require the emergency response team to participate in a cardiac emergency simulation at least 30 days before each school year;
- 6) describe the procedures that must be followed after a serious or life-threatening injury or cardiac emergency occurs at an athletic event or activity; and

7) encourage cooperation and coordination with community members.

Subd. 2. **Training requirements.** (a) Requires a school district or charter school to provide all members of the emergency response team with training necessary to implement the cardiac emergency response plan.

(b) Directs the emergency response team to provide annual certification to the school board that team members completed cardiac emergency simulation training at least 30 days prior to the start of each school year.

Sec. 2. **Cardiac emergency response plan.** Requires the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) to adopt a cardiac emergency response plan that meets the requirements of section 121A.241. Requires MSHSL to ensure that a cardiac emergency response team is present at each interscholastic athletic activity whose control, supervision, and regulation have been delegated to the league.

Sec. 3. **Appropriation; Cardiac Emergency Response Plan Assistance.** Appropriates \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the general fund for assistance to school districts and charter school in implementing cardiac emergency response plans. Allows funding to be use for activities and equipment that promote cardiac emergency response plan preparedness.



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