

HOUSE BILL 1974

By Ramsey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
relative to emergency life saving measures in  
schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-122(b), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and by adding the following language as subdivision (2):

(2)

(A) A public school having one (1) or more AEDs shall schedule annual AED training for all school personnel. Staff meetings or in-service days allocated under § 49-5-414 for training programs in emergency first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) may be used, in whole or in part, for the purposes of this subdivision (b)(2).

(B) The annual AED training shall:

- (i) Teach the use of AEDs;
- (ii) Inform school personnel of the locations of AEDs;
- (iii) Inform school personnel of the school's response plan; and
- (iv) Inform school personnel of the members of the school

response team.

(C) A school having one (1) or more AEDs shall also conduct an annual cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and AED drill for school personnel to practice the use of these life saving measures and to evaluate the school's preparedness in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest.

(D) In planning the annual training in the use of AEDs and the annual CPR/AED drills, LEAs and schools may contact other schools with training programs in existence and Project ADAM Tennessee for recommendations as to the development of appropriate programs or for guidance in using existing programs. The training shall be aligned with Project ADAM guidelines for Heart Safe Schools, and the American Heart Association Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1208, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

The program of instruction on CPR shall include instruction on the use of an automatic external defibrillator (AED) and location of any AED in the school, if the school has an AED or AEDs. If the school has an AED, the school shall conduct a CPR and AED drill so that the students are aware of the steps that must be taken if an event should occur that requires the use of an AED.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.