

HOUSE BILL 2775

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to education.

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

SECTION 1. The general assembly recognizes that cardiac incidents can happen to any person at any age, often without warning. Survivability of cardiac incidents is largely dependent upon the victim receiving care in a timely and proficient manner. One of the largest centers of people in a community on a daily basis is the public school. It is fitting that the general assembly encourage local educational agencies to provide automated external defibrillators in schools to provide additional safeguards against loss of life from sudden cardiac incidents.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 49-2-122. LEA's are encouraged, within existing budgetary limits, to place automated external defibrillator devices in schools. Any school that receives an AED shall comply with all the provisions of title 68, chapter 140, part 7, relative to training, establishment of a written plan, notification, and all other such requirements. Any LEA that places AED's in schools shall review their efficacy annually to ensure they are placed in optimal locations and that all necessary training has been conducted.

SECTION 3. Nothing in this act shall compel any LEA to purchase, use, or permit the use of any AED device. LEA's shall fund any AED devices out of existing resources or may accept non-governmental funds for such devices.

SECTION 4. Misuse or abuse of any AED device on school property by a student is disorderly conduct and such student shall be subject to disciplinary action.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.