

SENATE BILL 1644

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49,  
Chapter 6, relative to bleeding control kits.

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

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

(a) For purposes of this section, "bleeding control kit" means a first aid response kit that contains:

(1) One (1) tourniquet endorsed by the United States department of defense's committee on tactical combat casualty care;

(2) One (1) compression bandage;

(3) One (1) bleeding control bandage;

(4) Protective gloves;

(5) One (1) marker;

(6) Scissors; and

(7) Instructional materials developed by:

(A) The United States department of homeland security, as part of the department's "Stop the Bleed" campaign; or

(B) Bleeding control materials developed by the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma.

(b) Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, each LEA may develop and implement a "Stop the Bleed" program in consultation with local law enforcement. The program may be implemented in each school and must require:

(1) At least one (1) bleeding control kit to be placed in an easily accessible location within the school as determined by the school after consulting with local law enforcement;

(2) Bleeding control kits to be included in the district-level safety plans and building-level emergency response plans developed pursuant to chapter 6, part 8 of this title;

(3) All LEA employees to receive training on how to use a bleeding control kit;

(4) Annual:

(A) Inspection of each bleeding control kit; and

(B) School presentations demonstrating where to locate, and how to use, the items contained in a bleeding control kit; and

(5) School officials to replace, as necessary, any expired or missing materials, supplies, or equipment required for a bleeding control kit under subsection (a).

(c)

(1) An LEA or school that implements a "Stop the Bleed" program as authorized in subsection (b) is not civilly liable for any personal injury that results from an act or omission of an individual that involves one (1) or more of the items contained in a bleeding control kit, and that does not amount to willful or wanton misconduct or gross negligence, if the "Stop the Bleed" program developed by the LEA and implemented in the school complies with the requirements of subsection (b).

(2) An employee of the LEA is not civilly liable for any personal injury that results from an act or omission of the employee that involves one (1) or more of the items contained in a bleeding control kit, and that does not amount to willful or wanton misconduct or gross negligence, if the "Stop the Bleed" program

developed by the LEA and implemented in the school complies with the requirements of subsection (b).

(3) Misuse or abuse of a bleeding control kit on school property by a student is disorderly conduct and subjects the student to disciplinary action.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.