HB 996 (Excerpts)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for the establishment of independent schools; further providing for contracts with private residential rehabilitative institutions; providing for professional teacher assessment, for automatic external defibrillators, for an education support services program and for an educational improvement tax credit; and further providing for special education payments to school districts.

SECTION 4. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:

- 8 SECTION 1423. AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS.--(A) FOR 9 THE FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A ONE-
- 10 TIME AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM TO ASSIST SCHOOL
- 11 ENTITIES IN ACQUIRING AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS.
- 12 (B) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
- 13 GENERAL SERVICES, SHALL ISSUE AN INVITATION TO BID FOR THE COST
- 14 OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
- 15 ACCEPT THE BID OF THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER AND PERMIT ANY
- SCHOOL ENTITY TO PURCHASE THE DEVICES AT THE CONTRACT BID PRICE.
- 17 (C) TO BE ELIGIBLE TO OBTAIN OR PURCHASE AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL 18 DEFIBRILLATORS UNDER THE PROGRAM A SCHOOL ENTITY MUST:
- 19 (1) ASSURE THAT TWO (2) OR MORE PERSONS ASSIGNED TO THE
- 20 LOCATION WHERE THE AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR WILL BE
- 21 PRIMARILY HOUSED ARE TRAINED AS REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (D).
- 22 (2) ENSURE THAT THE DEVICE WILL BE SECURED IN A SAFE AND
- 23 READILY ACCESSIBLE LOCATION AND AGREE TO PROPERLY MAINTAIN AND
- 24 TEST THE DEVICE ACCORDING TO THE MANUFACTURER'S OPERATIONAL
- 25 GUIDELINES.
- 26 (3) SUBMIT A VALID PRESCRIPTION FOR THE DEVICE FROM A
- 27 LICENSED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.
- 28 (4) AGREE TO PROVIDE THE TRAINING REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION
- 29 <u>(D).</u>
- 30 (D) SCHOOL PERSONNEL WHO ARE EXPECTED TO USE THE AUTOMATIC 20010H0996B1878 17 -

Section (D)

- 1 EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR SHALL COMPLETE TRAINING IN
 - 2 CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND IN THE USE OF AN AUTOMATIC
 - 3 EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROVIDED BY THE AMERICAN HEART
 - 4 ASSOCIATION, THE AMERICAN RED CROSS OR THROUGH AN EQUIVALENT
 - 5 COURSE OF INSTRUCTION APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.
 - 6 (E) A SCHOOL ENTITY MAY INCLUDE THE TRAINING REQUIRED BY
 - SUBSECTION (D) IN ITS CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION PLAN
 - 8 SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION 1205.1.
 - 9 (F) THE PROVISIONS OF 42 PA.C.S. § 8331.2 (RELATING TO GOOD
 - 10 SAMARITAN CIVIL IMMUNITY FOR USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL
 - 11 DEFIBRILLATOR) SHALL APPLY TO SCHOOL EMPLOYES WHO RENDER CARE
 - 12 WITH AN AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR.
 - 13 (G) FROM FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE
 - 14 DEPARTMENT, UPON REQUEST, SHALL PROVIDE: UP TO TWO (2) AUTOMATIC
 - 15 EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS TO EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT; ONE (1)
 - 16 AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR TO EACH INTERMEDIATE UNIT; AND
 - 17 ONE (1) AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR TO EACH AREA
 - 18 VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

- 19 (H) NO SCHOOL ENTITY SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
 20 AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM.

 21 (I) NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2002, THE SECRETARY SHALL SUBMIT
 22 A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DESCRIBING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
 23 THIS SECTION IN OUTFITTING THE COMMONWEALTH'S SCHOOL ENTITIES
 24 WITH AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS.
 25 (J) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT GUIDELINES AS NECESSARY TO
 26 ADMINISTER THIS SECTION.
 27 (K) AS USED IN THIS SECTION—
 28 "AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR," MEANS A PORTABLE DEVICE
 29 THAT USES ELECTRIC SHOCK TO RESTORE A STABLE HEART RHYTHM TO AN
- 30 <u>INDIVIDUAL IN CARDIAC ARREST.</u> 20010H0996B1878 - 18 -
- 1 "DEPARTMENT," MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE
- 2 COMMONWEALTH.
- 3 "SCHOOL ENTITY," MEANS AN AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL, A
- 4 CHARTER SCHOOL, AN INTERMEDIATE UNIT, A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL OR A
- 5 SCHOOL DISTRICT.
- 6 "SECRETARY," MEANS THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION OF THE
- 7 COMMONWEALTH.