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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Senate Committee on Education  
From: Kansas Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Date: March 18, 2024  
Subject: HB 2494—Emergency Response Policies

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Substitute for House Bill 2494 would require each school district to adopt a cardiac emergency response plan and would provide a grant program for the implementation of such plans.

HB 2494 would require the secretary of health and environment to develop statewide standards for cardiac emergency response plans in accordance with nationally recognized guidelines as promulgated by organizations focused on emergency cardiovascular care.

The bill would require the board of education of each school district to adopt a comprehensive cardiac emergency response plan, including policies and procedures for cardiac emergency responses for each attendance center operated by such school district based on the standards developed by the secretary of health and environment. The plan would include:

- Establishing a cardiac emergency response team;
- Identifying and implementing the placement of automated external defibrillators;
- Identifying roles and responsibilities of school personnel, local law enforcement and emergency medical service providers;
- Establishing procedures for responding to suspected, sudden cardiac arrest, summoning emergency medical services, assisting emergency medical service providers and documenting actions taken during such incident;
- Conducting routine maintenance of automated external defibrillators;
- Designating school district personnel for training in use of automated external defibrillators and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR);
- Rehearsing cardiac emergency response plans;

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- Establishing communications with local emergency services operating within the school district; and
- Developing a cardiac emergency response plan for school-sponsored events held at a location that is not on school district property.

Such plan shall be reviewed annually and a copy submitted to the secretary of health and environment, appropriate local law enforcement, emergency medical services and all school district personnel. Prior to the first instructional school day of the school year, a school building administrator shall review the plan with all school personnel at each school operated by the school district.

School districts would be required to maintain an automated external defibrillator in a public and readily accessible location in each school district building used for student attendance purposes.

Each coach, assistant coach or aid and any sponsor of any activity and any other school personnel designated pursuant to the emergency response plan would be required to receive CPR automated external defibrillator administration training. At least one such individual shall be present in the school building for school-sponsored athletic practice, competition or other activity occurs in the building.

Any person who, in good faith, renders emergency care or treatment as provided in the bill would not be held liable for any damages.

HB 2494 would also establish a school cardiac emergency response grant program that would be administered by the secretary of health and environment to provide school districts with financial assistance in implementing cardiac emergency response plans. Additionally, the bill establishes the school cardiac emergency response grant fund in the state treasury to be administered by the department of health and environment for the purposes for disbursing grant moneys.

HB 2494 would take effect on July 1, 2024, upon publication in the statute book.