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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
132ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 270,  
L.D. 587, "An Act to Require Cardiac Emergency Response Plans and Athletic Emergency  
Action Plans for Schools and School-sponsored Athletic Events"

Amend the amendment by striking out the substitute title and substituting the  
following:

**'An Act to Require School Boards to Adopt a Policy on Automated External  
Defibrillator Access at School-sponsored Athletic Events'**

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §6304-A in the first indented paragraph in the  
3rd line (page 1, line 21 in amendment) by striking out the following: "events" and inserting  
the following: 'athletic events in which students are participating on school property,  
including team practices'

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §6304-A in the first indented paragraph in the  
4th line (page 1, line 22 in amendment) by striking out the following: "event," and inserting  
the following: 'athletic event. An automated external defibrillator acquired by a school  
administrative unit pursuant to this section must be tested and maintained according to the  
manufacturer's operational guidelines. Appropriate first aid, ambulance, rescue service or  
other appropriate local emergency medical service providers must be notified of the  
location and type of automated external defibrillator acquired.'

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 1 the following:

**'Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §6304-B is enacted to read:**

**§6304-B. Athletic emergency action plans; automated external defibrillator**

A school administrative unit shall develop and implement an athletic emergency action  
plan based on recommendations from a nationally recognized heart health organization or  
nationally recognized athletic training organization that addresses the appropriate, venue-  
specific use of an automated external defibrillator by school personnel to respond to an  
individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening emergency while  
attending or participating in a school-sponsored athletic event on school property, including  
a team practice.'

Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
section number to read consecutively.

## SUMMARY

This amendment amends Committee Amendment "A." It requires a school administrative unit to develop and implement a policy that provides access to automated external defibrillators at all school-sponsored athletic events in which students are participating on school property, including team practices, as opposed to the committee amendment, which requires the policy to apply to all school-sponsored events.

The amendment also adds the following requirements with respect to automated external defibrillators.

1. It requires that an automated external defibrillator acquired by a school administrative unit must be tested and maintained according to the manufacturer's operational guidelines.

2. It requires that first aid and local emergency medical service providers be notified of the location and type of automated external defibrillator acquired.

3. It adds a new section that requires school administrative units to develop and implement an athletic emergency action plan based on recommendations from a nationally recognized heart health organization or nationally recognized athletic training organization that addresses the appropriate, venue-specific use of an automated external defibrillator by school personnel to respond to a cardiac arrest or similar emergency at an athletic event on school property, including a team practice.

SPONSORED BY: 

(Senator RAFFERTY, J.)

COUNTY: York

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)



Approved: 06/03/25 **LRL**

# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 587

LR 810(04)

## An Act to Require Cardiac Emergency Response Plans and Athletic Emergency Action Plans for Schools and School-sponsored Athletic Events

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S. 272)

Sponsor: Sen. Rafferty of York

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

#### State Mandates

##### Required Activity

Requires school administrative units (SAUs) to have an automated external defibrillator in an athletic venue accessible at any school-sponsored event or team practice in which students are participating. Requires SAUs to provide notification of the location and type of automated external defibrillator acquired to the appropriate first aid, ambulance, rescue service or other appropriate local emergency medical service providers. Requires SAUs to develop and implement an athletic emergency action plan that addresses the appropriate, venue-specific use of school personnel to respond to an individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening emergency while attending or participating in an athletic practice or event on school grounds.

##### Unit Affected

School

##### Local Cost

Significant statewide

The required local activities in this bill may represent a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. If the bill does require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue, the state mandate provisions of the Constitution of Maine require either: (1) General Fund appropriations be provided to fund at least 90% of any additional necessitated local costs of the mandate; or (2) a Mandate Preamble be added to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt the mandate from the funding requirement. If the bill does represent a state mandate and neither one of these actions occurs, the local units of government will not be required to implement the mandated activities.