

HB 4160 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Robinson

Senate Committee On Education

Action Date: 02/26/26

Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Frederick, Neron Misslin, Robinson, Sollman, Weber

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/24, 2/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires schools to have a cardiac emergency response plan for responding to medical emergencies. It establishes requirements for the response plan, including alignment with national standards, as well as the placement, identification, and maintenance of automated external defibrillators (AEDs). It requires athletic coaches and other staff to be trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of AEDs. It takes effect July 1, 2027.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Cardiac emergencies in schools
- Experiences of students and first responders
- Battery health/life of AEDs
- Accountability mechanism

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

An AED is a portable electronic device used to treat sudden cardiac arrest, for instance, when a person's heart suddenly stops working. Senate Bill 556 (2009) required the owner of a place of public assembly to have on the premises at least one AED. It exempted facilities owned by school districts, education service districts, private schools, public charter schools, and facilities primarily used for worship or education associated with worship. Senate Bill 1033 (2010) required schools to have at least one AED on premises by January 1, 2015. In 2025, the legislature considered but did not enact House Bill 2529, which would have enacted provisions similar to those in House Bill 4160 A.