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SCHOOLS:

AED Placement

Tennessee Code – 49-2-122. Placement of automated external defibrillator devices in schools

- *Mandates that all public schools must have at least one AED placed within the school. Gives general placement guidelines.*
- *Also outlines the following provisions from **§68-140-404** be complied with:*
 - *Training, written plan, notification, maintenance and testing of AED, physician endorsement, EMS registration, immunity from civil liability, disciplinary action for students who misuse or abuse the AED*

Tennessee Code – 49-50-804: AEDs in private schools encouraged.

- *Mandates that if a private school places an AED, they must comply with **§49-2-122**, **§68-140-4** relative to training, establishment of a written plan, notification and other requirements and **§68-140-404** relative to the maintenance and testing of AEDs*

CPR/AED Training for staff and/or Cardiac Emergency Response Plans (CERP) and/or Emergency Action Plans (EAP)

Tennessee Code – 49-2-122. Placement of AED devices in schools

- *Training shall teach the use of AEDs, inform school personnel of AED locations, the school's response plan and of the members of the school response team*
- *Schools are encouraged to offer AED training to bus drivers*
- *Training is to comply with **§68-140-403**.*

Tennessee Code – 68-140-402 through 409. Definitions, training, maintenance, registration, program for use, rules relating to AEDs, limitation of liability, and demonstration of competence in use.

YOUTH SPORTS GROUPS:

AED Placement

Tennessee Code – 68-6-tbd.

- *Mandates any public or nonpublic school that serves grades nine through twelve shall maintain an AED. This AED must be identified with signage and located on-site or placed in an unlocked location within three minutes of the athletic activity.*
- *Also references Tennessee Codes **§49-2-122** and **§68-140-408** and **§49-50-804***

CPR/AED Training for coaches and/or Cardiac Emergency Response Plans (CERP) and/or Emergency Action Plans (EAP)

Tennessee Code – 68-6-103. Requirements to be met by governing authorities of public and nonpublic schools for prevention of sudden cardiac arrest during school youth athletic activities.

- *At a minimum, schools must adopt guidelines and forms to inform and educate coaches, school administrators, youth athletes, and their parents and guardians of the nature, risk and symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest.*
- *Also outlines:*
 - *Annual training requirements for coaches and athletic directors*
 - *Annual requirements for information sheets and who should review them*
 - *Required documentation of education completed*
 - *Policies that must be established around removal of athletes with symptoms and when they can return to practice or competition*
 - *Penalties required for coaches found in violation*

Tennessee Code – 68-6-104. Requirements to be met by organizers of community-based youth athletic activities for prevention of sudden cardiac arrest

- *Outlines requirements for any city, county, business or nonprofit organization that organizes a community-based youth athletic activity for which an activity fee is charged*

Tennessee Code – 68-6-201.

- *Mandates that each public and nonpublic school that serves grades nine through twelve shall establish, review and annually rehearse an athletics emergency action plan (AEAP). Gives guidelines for what the AEAP must include.*

GOOD SAMARITAN LAWS:

Tennessee Code -- 63-6-218. Good Samaritan Law.

- *Uses key verbiage to describe liability for any civil damages for persons rendering emergency care, including the use of an AED.*

Tennessee Code -- 68-6-103.

- *(G)(3) omits licensed health care professional or other person acting in good faith from liability*

Tennessee Code – 49-2-122. Placement of automated external defibrillator devices in schools

- *(e) & (f) outlines that a teacher, school employee or other persons employed by the LEA shall not be liable for any personal injury if the applicable provisions and program established under §68-140-404 and §68-140-405 have been met*

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