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AN ACT relating to interscholastic athletics.

Create a new section of KRS 160 to require high school coaches to receive annual training and be certified in CPR and in the appropriate use of an automated external defibrillator; allow a local school board to specify school personnel to receive training in the use of an automated external defibrillator; require the department of education to develop and make available to local school districts possible funding sources for the purchase of automated external defibrillators; if funds are available, require automated external defibrillators be placed in all schools within a local district; clarify immunity from civil liability for injuries resulting from the use of an automated external defibrillator; and require the department of education to revise procedures and criteria for avoiding heat injury.

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AN ACT relating to interscholastic athletics.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 160 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) All persons employed by a local board as a coach for any high school athletic activity or sport shall receive annual training and be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and in the appropriate use of an automated external defibrillator. The board may specify school personnel in each school where an automated external defibrillator is provided to receive training in the appropriate use of the device. The district may utilize local and state organizations to provide the required training, in accordance with KRS 311.667.*
- (2) The Department of Education shall develop and make available to school districts a list of organizations willing to make donations or that have resources available to schools for this purpose, federal programs or grants, and any other source of funding that school districts may use to purchase automated external defibrillators. The department shall also facilitate public recognition for the purpose of purchasing automated external defibrillators.*
- (3) If funds are available from federal, state, or local funding or from school-sponsored organizations, private organizations, or individuals for this purpose, each local board of education shall make automated external defibrillators, as defined in KRS 311.666, available at each school site in the district. Each local board is encouraged to make automated external defibrillators available at each high school athletic practice or athletic competition in the district. If funds are not available, the local board shall request local emergency medical services personnel to be present at each high school athletic competition and may request their presence at each high school athletic practice.*
- (4) A local board and its employees shall be immune from civil liability for personal*

injury which results from the use of an automated external defibrillator in accordance with KRS 311.668.

(5) The Kentucky Board of Education or any organization or agency designated by the state board to manage interscholastic athletics shall, within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Act, revise the procedures and criteria for avoiding heat injury and illness through analysis of heat index, to incorporate consideration of ambient levels of ozone and fine particulate matter, and the declaration of any air quality alert, in determining when outdoor sports-related activity should be decreased or canceled.

(6) The Kentucky Board of Education or any organization or agency designated by the state board to manage interscholastic athletics shall not promulgate administrative regulations or adopt any policies or bylaws that are contrary to the provisions of this section.