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HOUSE BILL 54

**57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; REQUIRING EVERY HIGH SCHOOL TO  
INSTALL AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR; REQUIRING ALL HIGH  
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES TO BE TRAINED IN THE USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL  
DEFIBRILLATORS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 22-33-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2014,  
Chapter 50, Section 2) is amended to read:

"22-33-2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Emergency  
Medication in Schools Act:

A. "albuterol" includes albuterol or another  
inhaled bronchodilator, as recommended by the department of  
health, for the treatment of respiratory distress;

B. "albuterol aerosol canister" means a portable  
drug delivery device packaged with multiple premeasured doses

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1 of albuterol;

2 C. "anaphylaxis" or "anaphylactic reaction" means a  
3 sudden, severe and potentially life-threatening whole-body  
4 allergic reaction;

5 D. "automated external defibrillator" means a  
6 medical device heart monitor and defibrillator that:

7 (1) has received approval of its premarket  
8 modification filed pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 360(k), from the  
9 United States food and drug administration;

10 (2) is capable of recognizing cardiac arrest  
11 that will respond to defibrillation, ventricular fibrillation  
12 or rapid ventricular tachycardia and is capable of determining  
13 whether defibrillation should be performed; and

14 (3) upon determining that defibrillation  
15 should be performed, automatically charges and is capable of  
16 delivering an electrical impulse to an individual's heart;

17 [~~D.~~] E. "emergency medication" means albuterol or  
18 epinephrine;

19 [~~E.~~] F. "epinephrine" includes epinephrine or  
20 another medication, as recommended by the department of health,  
21 used to treat anaphylaxis until the immediate arrival of  
22 emergency medical system responders;

23 [~~F.~~] G. "epinephrine auto-injector" means a  
24 portable, disposable drug delivery device that contains a  
25 premeasured single dose of epinephrine;

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1           [~~G.~~] H. "governing body" includes a governing body  
2 of a private school;

3           [~~H.~~] I. "health care practitioner" means a person  
4 authorized by the state to prescribe emergency medication;

5           [~~I.~~] J. "respiratory distress" includes impaired  
6 oxygenation of the blood or impaired ventilation of the  
7 respiratory system;

8           [~~J.~~] K. "school" means a public school, charter  
9 school or private school;

10          [~~K.~~] L. "spacer" means a holding chamber that is  
11 used to optimize the delivery of albuterol to a person's lungs;

12          [~~L.~~] M. "stock supply" means an appropriate  
13 quantity of emergency medication, as recommended by the  
14 department of health; and

15          [~~M.~~] N. "trained personnel" means a school  
16 employee, agent or volunteer who has completed epinephrine  
17 administration training documented by the school nurse, school  
18 principal or school leader and approved by the department of  
19 health and who has been designated by the school principal or  
20 school leader to administer epinephrine on a voluntary basis  
21 outside of the scope of employment."

22           SECTION 2. A new section of the Emergency Medication in  
23 Schools Act is enacted to read:

24           "[NEW MATERIAL] AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR REQUIRED  
25 IN ALL HIGH SCHOOLS.--

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1           A. No later than January 1, 2026, every high school  
2 in the state shall install an automated external defibrillator.  
3 Installed automated external defibrillators shall be maintained  
4 and tested according to the manufacturer's operational  
5 guidelines.

6           B. No later than January 1, 2026, the department  
7 shall adopt and promulgate rules for the training of high  
8 school employees on the use of automated external  
9 defibrillators. Each governing body, school district and  
10 superintendent shall ensure that an automated external  
11 defibrillator training is provided annually to all high school  
12 employees. The training course shall be consistent with  
13 standards adopted by the American heart association."