

generally relating to requiring high schools to have an automated external defibrillator program.

BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 7-425

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Education**

7-425.

(A) (1) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 13-517 OF THIS ARTICLE FOR EACH HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTY.

(2) THE PROGRAM REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE PROVISIONS THAT:

(I) ENSURE THAT AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR IS PROVIDED ON-SITE; AND

(II) AN INDIVIDUAL TRAINED IN THE OPERATION AND USE OF AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR IS PRESENT AT ALL SCHOOL-SPONSORED ATHLETIC EVENTS.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, THE MARYLAND STATE SCHOOL HEALTH COUNCIL, AND THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS, SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT:

(1) ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR PERIODIC INSPECTIONS AND ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS; AND

(2) ASSIST COUNTY BOARDS IN CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

Approved April 25, 2006.