

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 974 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY R. BROWN, KORTZ, GILLEN, BIZZARRO, SCAVELLO, REGAN, NEILSON, CARROLL AND PEIFER, MARCH 12, 2013

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 27, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," providing for public hearing and vote
6 on acquisition of automatic external defibrillators.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
10 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a
11 section to read:

12 Section 1423.1. Public Hearing and Vote On Acquisition of
13 Automatic External Defibrillators.--(a) Within ninety (90) days<--

14 PUBLIC HEARINGS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS: <--

15 (1) SUBJECT TO CLAUSES (2) AND (3), WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS
16 of the effective date of this section AND EVERY FIVE YEARS <--

17 THEREAFTER, the governing body of each school entity shall
18 convene a public hearing to consider whether the school entity
19 will acquire an automatic external defibrillator for each school

1 building of the school entity. Representatives of the American  
2 Heart Association or the American Red Cross shall be invited to  
3 participate in the public hearing.

4 (2) A SCHOOL ENTITY THAT HAS ACQUIRED AN AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL <--  
5 DEFIBRILLATOR FOR EACH SCHOOL BUILDING OF THE SCHOOL ENTITY  
6 SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO CONVENE A PUBLIC HEARING UNDER CLAUSE  
7 (1).

8 (3) A SCHOOL ENTITY THAT IS ESTABLISHED AFTER THE EFFECTIVE  
9 DATE OF THIS SECTION SHALL CONVENE A PUBLIC HEARING UNDER CLAUSE  
10 (1) WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS AFTER THE FIRST DAY CLASSES ARE IN  
11 SESSION FOR THE SCHOOL ENTITY AND EVERY FIVE YEARS THEREAFTER,  
12 SUBJECT TO CLAUSE (2).

13 (b) Within ninety (90) days of the public hearing convened  
14 pursuant to subsection (a), the governing body of each school  
15 entity shall approve or disapprove a resolution to acquire an  
16 automatic external defibrillator for each school building of the  
17 school entity by majority vote at a public meeting of the  
18 governing body.

19 (c) Section 1423(c), (d), (e) and (f) shall apply to a ANY <--  
20 school entity that acquires an automatic external defibrillator.

21 (d) As used in this section--

22 "Automatic external defibrillator" shall have the meaning set  
23 forth in section 1423(k).

24 "School entity" means an area vocational-technical school, a  
25 charter school, a cyber charter school, an intermediate unit or  
26 a school district.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.