



# Senate Education Committee

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## BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 606, Printer's No. 576  
Prime Sponsor: Senator Dinniman

### A. SYNOPSIS:

Senate Bill 606 amends the Public School Code to provide for automatic external defibrillators (AEDs).

### B. BILL ANALYSIS:

Senate Bill 606 amends the Public School Code to require each school entity in the Commonwealth provide for and maintain an AED in each instructional school building.

The legislation also provides for an automatic external defibrillator program. The program shall be administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. PDE shall work in consultation with the Department of General Services to issue an invitation to bid for the cost of AEDs and accept the lowest responsible bidder.

School participation in the program is voluntary, but those school entities that elect to participate must fulfill certain criteria. They must have at least two school employees trained in the use of AEDs where it is located. One of these trained school employees must be available at all school-sponsored activities on school grounds. The school entity must also submit a prescription from a licensed medical practitioner for the equipment, maintain it and provide the necessary training to use it. Trained school employees using the AED would receive Samaritan civil immunity for care rendered.

To further reduce school entity cost for purchasing AEDs, \$3 million is taken from the Tobacco Settlement Fund. Funding in specific dollar amounts and distribution criteria are used for school districts, intermediate units, vocational technical schools, charter schools and cyber charter schools. Nonpublic schools receive no further cost reduction from the Tobacco Settlement Fund.

This act would take effect in 60 days.

### C. AMENDMENT A0### TO SB 606:

Amendment A0### removes the requirement that each instructional school building have an AED. It also utilizes the prior Automatic External Defibrillator Grant Program, but removes the PDE reporting requirement to the General Assembly and the specific \$3 million from the Tobacco Settlement Fund.

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Under the amendment, funds may be appropriated from the Tobacco Settlement Fund with funding priority given to school entities with the highest aid ratio.