



**153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL:	HOUSE BILL NO. 71
SPONSOR:	Representative Harris
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 RELATING TO INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. This Act requires that secondary and middle school interscholastic athletic venues and events have a clearly marked and easily accessible automated external defibrillator (AED). This device must also be accessible during the school day and during any school-sponsored athletic event or practice with students participating. This Act also requires that the AEDs be placed according to nationally recognized best-practices and be tested and maintained properly according to the manufacturer's guidelines.
3. According to the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association, there are approximately 80 secondary schools and middle schools in Delaware with athletic programs which would need to have accessible AEDs under this Act.
4. A brief survey was conducted of school districts and charter schools statewide to determine need for additional AED devices to be compliant with the requirements outlined in the legislation. The responses varied greatly, with some schools not needing any additional devices to be compliant, and some schools needing up to 5 additional devices. Based upon the responses received, it is assumed that each school may need 1 - 2 additional AEDs to ensure that an AED device is easily accessible at each school athletic event and venue
5. According to the Department of Education:
 - a. One AED device is estimated to cost between \$1,500 - \$3,000.
 - b. Wall cabinets to mount each AED device are estimated to cost between \$500 - \$2,500.
 - c. AED supplies including pads, batteries, and accessories are estimated to cost between \$200 - \$300. It is assumed that AED supplies will need to be replaced every 2 years, or when used.
6. It is assumed that all costs associated with AED device acquisition, placement, and maintenance will be paid through local funds.
7. This Act also requires that all coaches be cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), AED, and first aid certified. According to 14 DE Administrative Code § 1042-3.3, all certified coaches are already required to maintain these certifications.

Local School Fund Cost:

	One-Time Cost	Recurring Cost	Total Local Costs
Fiscal Year 2026:	\$450,000	\$0	\$450,000
Fiscal Year 2027:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fiscal Year 2028:	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000

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