

1-1 By: Cook, Hinojosa of Hidalgo S.B. No. 1551  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 21, 2025; March 6, 2025,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education K-16;  
1-4 April 30, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11,  
1-5 Nays 0; April 30, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the availability of automated external defibrillators  
1-22 at public schools.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 38.017(a), Education Code, is amended to  
1-25 read as follows:

1-26 (a) Each school district shall make available at each campus  
1-27 in the district at least one automated external defibrillator, as  
1-28 defined by Section 779.001, Health and Safety Code. A campus  
1-29 defibrillator must be readily available during any University  
1-30 Interscholastic League athletic competition held on the campus. In  
1-31 determining the placement of ~~[location at which to store]~~ a campus  
1-32 defibrillator, the principal of the campus shall consider the  
1-33 primary location on campus where students engage in athletic  
1-34 activities and place the defibrillator in a clearly marked and  
1-35 accessible location. An automated external defibrillator may not  
1-36 be placed in a locked case when students or school employees are  
1-37 regularly present on campus.

1-38 SECTION 2. Not later than the first instructional day of the  
1-39 2026-2027 school year, each public school to which Section 38.017,  
1-40 Education Code, as amended by this Act, applies shall make  
1-41 available automated external defibrillators as required by that  
1-42 section.

1-43 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-44 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-45 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-46 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-47 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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