

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS33187 / H0595

This legislation establishes requirements for public schools to develop and implement a cardiac emergency response program. The bill directs the Idaho Department of Education, in collaboration with school leadership and the Idaho High School Activities Association, to develop guidelines for cardiac emergency response plans.

Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, public school districts and public charter schools are required to adopt a written cardiac emergency response plan, including provisions for the placement, maintenance, and accessibility of automated external defibrillators and training of appropriate staff. Additional venue-specific requirements apply to schools that offer organized athletic programs. The bill also provides civil liability immunity consistent with existing Idaho law.

## FISCAL NOTE

This legislation is expected to have a minimal and indeterminate fiscal impact. The bill does not require the appropriation of state funds and allows local school boards discretion in implementation. Any costs associated with plan development, staff training, automated external defibrillators, or equipment maintenance would be incurred at the local level and may be offset through gifts, grants, or donations. The Idaho Department of Education may absorb any administrative responsibilities within existing resources.

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