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Requires CPR/AED training for coaches in Louisiana. (8/1/24)

Proposed legislation requires any high school employee who serves as a coach for a school, by the start of the 2025-2026 school year, to obtain and maintain **certification** in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), first aid, and automated external defibrillator (AED) use, **consistent with the American Heart Association, American Red Cross, or other national evidence-based guidelines**. Proposed legislation further states no individual who acts in accordance with proposed law, in his or her capacity as a school coach, may be liable for any civil damages as a result of those actions. **The provisions of proposed legislation will not apply to any city, parish, or other local public school board until either the legislature appropriates funds in an amount necessary to implement them, or a school receives grants or other private donations able to pay for the costs of implementation.**

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW					
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW					
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

To the extent the legislature approves funding for its purpose, proposed legislation will result in increased SGF expenditures. Specific impacts by individual schools are indeterminable, will vary across all high schools, and be dependent on the number of coaches employed at each. There is no available total or per school count of coaches employed by all public and charter high schools or all non-public high schools in the state. Impacts to non-public high school expenditures are not contemplated in this analysis; however, the estimated costs included could also be applied for that purpose.

For the purposes of this analysis, the LFO assumes the intent of proposed legislation is to require **certification** as opposed to **training resulting in a certificate**. Training provides the fundamental skills required to assist someone in need during a life-threatening situation and lays the groundwork for becoming certified but does not, on its own, confer any official recognition or credentials. Certification goes beyond the basics of training, and confers official credentials. Certification courses are more intensive, more costly, and require a hands-on, in-person skills component. Training can be provided for lower costs and many school systems report they currently mandate and provide training courses in at least one of the three required areas. Others report they do currently require certification of certain employees. **The LFO is unable to corroborate the extent to which school systems are providing/requiring training resulting in a certificate vs. certification, as defined above.**

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REVENUE EXPLANATION

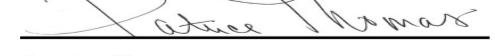
There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules

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 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

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- 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
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Based on information available on the American Red Cross (ARC) web site, courses to earn **certification** in adult and pediatric First Aid, CPR, and AED use can be taken for **\$95 (hybrid of online + classroom instruction) or \$126 (classroom instruction only) per person**. The courses teach participants to recognize and care for a variety of first aid, breathing, and cardiac emergencies involving adults, children, and infants. They are designed for individuals who need a certification that satisfies the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) workplace or other regulatory requirements. The course is taught in either a blended learning format, requiring completion of an on-line course prior to attendance at an instructor-led skills session, or entirely in an instructor-led classroom setting. Upon successful completion of either course option, a valid two-year certificate for Adult and Pediatric First Aid, CPR, and AED use is issued. Biennial renewal of the certification, also required under proposed legislation, will cost the same as the initial certification.

The American Heart Association (AHA) offers a similar course in First Aid, CPR, and AED use, referred to as *Heartsaver*, which costs \$95 for a hybrid of online instruction (\$20) and classroom instruction (\$75). The AHA states this course meets OSHA and regulatory requirements, and upon successful completion, students receive a course completion card, valid for two years.

First Aid, CPR, and AED use **training, resulting in a two-year certificate**, can be obtained for a much lower cost. The American Heart Association provides a course including all three trainings for **\$37 per person**, with renewal also required biennially.

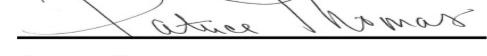
Total annual impacts for a high school or a school system are indeterminable, but can be minimized to the extent they are able to stagger biennial re-certifications. Assuming 15 employee coaches at a single public or state high school require certification or re-certification each year, costs are estimated to be between \$1,425 and \$1,890 annually. Alternatively, the estimate to provide a training course in First Aid, CPR, and AED use for the same number of coaches would cost the same school \$555 annually. Both of these estimated costs will be higher or lower depending on the actual number of coaches employed by each high school or school district.

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