

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description requiring an automated external defibrillator at youth athletic activities operated or sponsored by a public or private school and at athletic events of University of Wisconsin System institutions					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires each public and private high school that operates or sponsors a youth athletic activity to 1) ensure that an automated external defibrillator(AED) is available for use at the youth athletic activity and there is at least one individual present at the youth athletic activity who has current proficiency in the use of an AED achieved through instruction provided by a person that is approved by the Department of Health Services and 2) develop and implement a plan for the use of an AED at youth athletic activities.

Under current law and the bill, a “youth athletic activity” is defined as an organized athletic activity in which the participants, a majority of whom are under 19 years of age, are engaged in an athletic game or competition against another team, club, or entity, or in practice or preparation for an organized athletic game or competition against another team, club, or entity.

Current law requires a person who operates a youth athletic activity, including a public or private school, to provide information about the nature and risk of sudden cardiac arrest during youth athletic activities to coaches and participants before a season of a youth athletic activity that is offered to individuals who are 12 years of age or older.

It is anticipated that schools will incur additional costs to purchase the AED devices, train dedicated staff to be proficient in operating an AED device, and to develop and implement a plan for the use of an AED at youth athletic activities. DPI does not collect information regarding the number of public and private high schools which already make AEDs available for use at their school athletic youth activities. In regard to potential training costs, it is unknown how many schools currently have individuals proficient in the use of an AED via instruction approved by the Department of Health Services. It is also unknown what additional training costs may be needed for AED training related supplies. For these reasons the costs to schools are indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications