

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 62

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, through the state Department of Education, to develop and implement a traumatic injury response program to ensure that each city, parish, or other local public school in the state is prepared to respond to a traumatic injury emergency.

WHEREAS, uncontrolled hemorrhage is a leading cause of preventable traumatic deaths; and

WHEREAS, the first step to saving lives is stopping the bleed; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that bystanders, with little or no medical training, can become heroic lifesavers; and

WHEREAS, improving public awareness about how to stop severe bleeding can become the beginning of the trauma care chain of survival and make the difference between life and death for an injured person; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Defense, the American College of Surgeons developed the "Stop the Bleed" program, and May 2020 is "National Stop the Bleed Month"; and

WHEREAS, providing appropriate stop the bleed training and trauma kits in public schools could empower appropriate school personnel to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives; and

WHEREAS, a traumatic injury response program should require that:

(1) Bleeding control kits are placed in easily accessible locations in designated rooms in each school.

(2) A bleeding control kit contain at least one tourniquet, one compression bandage, one bleeding control bandage, one marker, one pair of scissors, one pair of protective latex-free gloves, and instructional documents such as those developed by the "Stop the Bleed" national awareness campaign of the United States Department of Homeland Security or the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma.

(3) The use of bleeding control kits be incorporated into each school's emergency plans and that all school drills include practice on how to use the kits.

(4) Each school designate and train employees who are reasonably expected to respond to traumatic injuries and use a bleeding control kit.

(5) Each bleeding control kit is annually inspected to ensure that the materials in the kit are in workable order and not past the marked expiration date.

(6) The bleeding control kit is inspected and restocked after each use.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, through the state Department of Education, to develop and implement a traumatic injury response program to ensure that each city, parish, or other local public school in the state is prepared to respond to a traumatic injury emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state superintendent of education.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES