

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 54

BY SENATOR WHEAT

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

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:440.3, relative to emergency training and certifications for coaches; to
3 require elementary and secondary school coaches to have certain certifications; to
4 provide for limitation of liability; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:440.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§440.3. School coaches; required certifications**

8 **A. Beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, any high school employee who**
9 **serves as a coach for the school shall obtain and maintain certification in**
10 **cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid, and automatic external defibrillator**
11 **use. The certification shall be consistent with the American Heart Association,**
12 **American Red Cross, or other national evidence-based emergency**
13 **cardiovascular care guidelines.**

14 **B. The provisions of R.S. 9:2793 shall apply to any coach who is certified**
15 **pursuant to this Section and performs cardiopulmonary resuscitation or first**
16 **aid or uses an automatic external defibrillator in his capacity as a school coach.**

17 **C.(1) It is the intention of this legislature that this Section shall not create**

1 **an unfunded mandate on any city, parish, and other local public school board.**

2 **(2) The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any city, parish, or**
 3 **other local public school board until one of the following occurs:**

4 **(a) The legislature appropriates funds in an amount necessary to**
 5 **implement the provisions of this Section.**

6 **(b) Grants or other private donations are made to the school to pay for**
 7 **the costs of implementing the provisions of this Section.**

The original instrument was prepared by Amanda Trapp. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Mary Francis Aucoin.

DIGEST

SB 54 Reengrossed

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Proposed law requires that, beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, any high school employee who serves as a coach for the school must obtain and maintain certification in CPR, first aid, and AED use.

Proposed law requires the certification to be consistent with the American Heart Association, American Red Cross, or other national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines.

Proposed law provides for a limitation of liability for any coach who performs cardiopulmonary resuscitation or first aid or uses an automatic external defibrillator in his capacity as a school coach.

Proposed law provides that it will not apply to any city, parish, or other local public school board until the legislature appropriates the necessary amount of funds to implement the law or grants or other private donations are made to the school to pay for costs of implementation.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 17:440.3)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Removes elementary and middle schools.
2. Requirements are only for high school coaches.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Provides proposed law is contingent on funding.