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HOUSE BILL 22-1251

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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House Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE OFFICE OF CARDIAC ARREST**
102 **MANAGEMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND**
103 **ENVIRONMENT, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**
104 **APPROPRIATION.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill creates the office of cardiac arrest management (office) in the department of public health and environment.

The office is required to:

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

- Facilitate the registration of defibrillators in this state through the implementation of a statewide registry;
- Coordinate cardiac arrest data, including outcome data from facilities that treat cardiac patients and from coroners;
- Implement an outreach campaign to raise public awareness regarding cardiac arrest;
- Provide training and education programs statewide to teach the skills necessary to save lives; and
- Employ a statewide cardiac arrest data coordinator, a defibrillator registry coordinator, and other personnel as necessary.

The bill requires the general assembly to appropriate \$500,000 annually for use by the office.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 2 to article
3 53 of title 25 as follows:

4 **PART 2**

5 **SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST MANAGEMENT**

6 **25-53-201. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 2:

7 (1) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
8 AND ENVIRONMENT.

9 (2) "OFFICE" MEANS THE OFFICE OF CARDIAC ARREST
10 MANAGEMENT CREATED IN SECTION 25-53-202.

11 (3) "PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR" MEANS AN AUTOMATED
12 EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR APPROVED FOR SALE BY THE FEDERAL FOOD
13 AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AND AVAILABLE FOR USE BY THE GENERAL
14 PUBLIC.

15 (4) "SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST" MEANS THE SUDDEN AND
16 UNEXPECTED CESSATION OF CARDIAC MECHANICAL ACTIVITY.

17 **25-53-202. Office of cardiac arrest management - creation -**
18 **duties - appropriation - gifts, grants, and donations - rules.** (1) THERE

1 IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT THE OFFICE OF SUDDEN CARDIAC
2 ARREST MANAGEMENT. THE PURPOSE OF THE OFFICE IS TO:

3 (a) PROMOTE THE USE OF PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS AND
4 THE USE OF REGISTRIES TO LET THE PUBLIC KNOW WHERE A PUBLIC ACCESS
5 DEFIBRILLATOR CAN BE FOUND AND USED WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL IS
6 SUFFERING FROM SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST; AND

7 (b) COORDINATE THE COLLECTION OF SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST
8 DATA FROM HOSPITALS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

9 (2) THE OFFICE SHALL:

10 (a) COORDINATE THE COLLECTION OF SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST
11 DATA INTO A DATA ANALYSIS SYSTEM SPECIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT,
12 INCLUDING OUTCOME DATA FROM HOSPITALS THAT RECEIVE CARDIAC
13 PATIENTS TRANSPORTED BY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES;

14 (b) IMPLEMENT AN OUTREACH CAMPAIGN TO:

15 (I) RAISE AWARENESS REGARDING SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST AND
16 THE SKILLS NECESSARY TO SAVE LIVES, INCLUDING THE IMPORTANCE OF
17 COMPRESSION CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION;

18 (II) RAISE AWARENESS REGARDING THE USE OF PUBLIC ACCESS
19 DEFIBRILLATORS;

20 (III) DEMONSTRATE HOW TO CALL FOR HELP AND EMERGENCY
21 MEDICAL SERVICES; AND

22 (IV) ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS OF COLORADO TO ENGAGE IN
23 BASIC LIFE-SAVING ACTIONS;

24 (c) MAINTAIN A LIST OF TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS
25 OFFERED IN THE STATE THAT:

26 (I) TEACH LIFE-SAVING SKILLS, INCLUDING CARDIOPULMONARY
27 RESUSCITATION AND THE USE OF A DEFIBRILLATOR; AND

1 (II) COMPLY WITH THE GUIDELINES PUBLISHED BY THE AMERICAN
2 HEART ASSOCIATION;

3 (d) EMPLOY A STATEWIDE CARDIAC ARREST DATA COORDINATOR
4 AND OTHER PERSONNEL AS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES OF
5 THIS SECTION; AND

6 (e) COORDINATE THE SUBMISSION OF DATA, INCLUDING THE
7 GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM LOCATION OF PUBLIC ACCESS
8 DEFIBRILLATORS TO AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR REGISTRY
9 DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

10 (3) THE OFFICE MAY:

11 (a) ACQUIRE, ANALYZE, AND OVERSEE CARDIAC ARREST DATA;

12 (b) RELEASE REPORTS GENERATED FROM THE DATA; AND

13 (c) SHARE THE DATA WITH:

14 (I) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDERS, DISPATCH
15 CENTERS, HOSPITALS, AND OTHER ENTITIES AS APPROPRIATE TO ASSIST
16 WITH EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPABILITIES;

17 (II) APPROPRIATE ENTITIES AS REQUESTED FOR RESEARCH
18 PURPOSES;

19 (III) DESIGNATED STATE AND NATIONAL CARDIAC ARREST
20 REGISTRIES; AND

21 (IV) DESIGNATED STATE AND NATIONAL AUTOMATED EXTERNAL
22 DEFIBRILLATOR REGISTRIES.

23 (4) (a) FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23, AND FOR EACH STATE
24 FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE
25 TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE
26 DEPARTMENT FOR ALLOCATION TO THE OFFICE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS
27 SECTION.

1 (b) THE DEPARTMENT MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS,
2 GRANTS, AND DONATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

3 (5) THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH MAY PROMULGATE RULES TO
4 IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

5 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2022-23 state fiscal year,
6 \$200,000 is appropriated to the department of public health and
7 environment for use by the health facilities and emergency medical
8 services division. This appropriation is from the general fund. To
9 implement this act, the division may use this appropriation for the office
10 of cardiac arrest related to emergency medical services.

11 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
12 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
13 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
14 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
15 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
16 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
17 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
18 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
19 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.