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4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 226

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6 By: Representative B. McKenzie
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST PREVENTION
10 ACT; TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL
11 DEVELOPMENT IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS RELATED TO SUDDEN
12 CARDIAC ARREST; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 TO AMEND THE SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST
17 PREVENTION ACT; AND TO MODIFY THE
18 REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL
19 DEVELOPMENT IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS RELATED
20 TO SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-708(b), concerning health and safety
25 in public schools and requirements for professional development in schools,
26 is amended to read as follows:

27 (b)(1) Every three (3) years as part of the requirements for
28 professional development, a person employed by a school district as an
29 athletics coach, licensed teacher coach, registered volunteer, or competitive
30 or noncompetitive spirit coach shall complete training on the events and
31 conditions identified in subsection (a) of this section.

32 (2) In addition to the training under subdivision (b)(1) of this
33 section, a person employed by a school district as an athletics coach,
34 licensed teacher coach, registered volunteer, or competitive or
35 noncompetitive spirit coach shall maintain a Basic Life Support certification
36 in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillation in



1 accordance with best practices of the American Red Cross or the American
2 Heart Association, or both.

3 (3) The training under this section may include a component on
4 best practices for a coach to educate parents of students involved in
5 athletics on sports safety.

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