

RESOLUTION

Subject: Hemorrhage Control Training for Schools & Colleges

Submitted by: Greater Louisville Medical Society

Referred to: Reference Committee

WHEREAS, the escalating U.S. gun violence epidemic¹ (currently over 100 deaths/day and now the leading cause of death in children²) includes mass shootings in schools and colleges, which has more than doubled over the past 9 ½ years, compared to the previous 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky ranks in the 8 most lethal states for gun deaths of children²; and

WHEREAS, exsanguinating hemorrhage before transport to a medical facility precipitates a majority of these (and all trauma) deaths (CDC data); and

WHEREAS, the American College of Surgeons (ACS) has created an effective, 1-2 hour hemorrhage control course for laypersons (Stop the Bleed course) to prevent exsanguination deaths³; and

WHEREAS, the UofL Surgery Trauma Center has deployed this course to local schools, with exceptionally positive receptions; and

WHEREAS, an ACS supported, bipartisan US Senate and House Bill (Prevent BLEEDing Act of 2022) has been introduced to fund such courses; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that KMA address gun violence epidemic harm by supporting 2023 Kentucky legislation to establish and require American College of Surgeons Stop the Bleed training annually for all Kentucky school and college teachers and employees (every other year for educators who have completed 3 consecutive annual courses), and for students (voluntary for elementary school students); and be it further

RESOLVED, that funding for such hemorrhage control courses and supplies come from the Kentucky General Fund, with partial or full replacement by federal funds, if the Prevent BLEEDing Act of 2022 or other funding is enacted.

References:

¹ <https://www.facs.org/for-medical-professionals/news-publications/news-and-articles/acs-brief/june-7-2022-issue/acs-calls-for-urgent-action-to-address-us-firearm-vio> accessed 6/10/2022

² <https://www.axios.com/2022/05/26/gun-deaths-children-america> accessed 6/27/2022

³ <https://www.stopthebleed.org/> accessed 6/10/2022