

RESOLUTION

Subject: Safety Stations
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Referred to: Reference Committee

WHEREAS, there is a new federal initiative for federal public buildings and the Veterans Health Administration facilities to create safety stations consisting of an automatic emergency defibrillator (AED), opioid reversal agent, and a hemorrhagic control device such as the Stop the Bleed kit¹; and

WHEREAS, over 1800 Kentuckians die from out-of-hospital cardiac yearly²; and

WHEREAS, nearly 2000 Kentuckians died from drug overdose in 2023 and most deaths can be attributed to opioids such as fentanyl³; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 95% of trauma deaths occur outside the hospital, and hemorrhage accounts for a large portion of those deaths⁴; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky has “Good Samaritan” laws protecting those who use AEDs in good faith and those who seek assistance for drug overdoses⁵; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Kentucky passed HB 331 which mandated AEDs in schools and the budget set aside \$2.5 million for their acquisition by public schools⁶; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission rewards funds from the Kentucky opioid abatement trust fund to projects to mitigate the opioid epidemic⁷; and

WHEREAS, the Stop the Bleed campaign offers grants to fund kit acquisition⁸; and

WHEREAS, current KMA policy supports increased availability of AEDs, naloxone, and hemorrhagic control devices such as “Stop the Bleed” kits; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that KMA support safety stations in public facilities for emergency treatment of cardiopulmonary arrest, opioid overdose, and hemorrhagic bleed.

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