

The Smart Heart Act: What Your School Must Do

Every NC public school must have a Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP) for the 2026-27 year.

WHAT THE LAW NOW REQUIRES

- ✓ A written Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP), reviewed yearly
- ✓ A trained cardiac response team with an activation protocol
- ✓ Annual CPR/AED training for key staff
- ✓ AEDs reachable within 3 minutes - unlocked, signed, maintained
- ✓ Coordination with local EMS and annual drills

WHY IT MATTERS

Sudden cardiac arrest can strike a student, staff member, or visitor without warning. Survival falls ~10% for every minute without defibrillation - the first 3 minutes decide the outcome. Compliance protects lives and demonstrates due diligence for the district.

FUNDING IS AVAILABLE

\$4M to make AEDs more accessible on campuses, plus \$2M to help buy AEDs and build plans. Equipment saves lives only with training and a plan - pair the funding with a full program.

THE PATH: SCHOOL RESCUE READY™

Rescue Beats' 8-step roadmap takes a campus from unaware to fully compliant - and keeps it there: Understand - Assess - Build - Place - Train - Drill - Maintain - Renew. One partner for every requirement: plan, training, AEDs, drills, and documentation.

Start with a free School Rescue Ready™ review.

We'll show your board exactly where the school stands and what it takes to comply.

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