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The Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Cardiology strongly supports SB 375 (printer NO.905), sponsored by Sen. Rosemary Brown. This bill requires schools in Pennsylvania to have a practiced Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP) and an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) at all school sporting events and practices.

More than 23,000 children under 18 experience cardiac arrest outside of a hospital each year in the US, with almost 40% being sports related. SB 375 addresses this issue by increasing survival chances through proper planning and a strong chain of survival.

In addition to requiring an AED, this legislation mandates training in CPR and AED use for those expected to use it. SB 375 has the potential to save lives and create a safer environment for students, coaches, and spectators.

The establishment and practice of a CERP by schools is crucial. With millions of students and staff in US public schools, it is important to have a plan in place to address cardiac arrest.

Tragedies occur when youth athletes have sudden cardiac events during school sporting events. When these events occur, it is imperative to have an AED present and trained staff on site. In schools with AEDs, approximately 85% of children survive cardiac arrest.

We urge the Senate to quickly pass SB 375 when they return to session so that no additional lives are lost. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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