

2020 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 62

BY SENATOR MILLIGAN

SCHOOLS. Requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to implement a traumatic injury response program in all public schools.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, through the state Department of Education, to develop and implement a traumatic injury response program to ensure that each city, parish, or other local public school in the state is prepared to respond to a traumatic injury emergency.

WHEREAS, uncontrolled hemorrhage is a leading cause of preventable traumatic deaths; and

WHEREAS, the first step to saving lives is stopping the bleed; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that bystanders, with little or no medical training, can become heroic lifesavers; and

WHEREAS, improving public awareness about how to stop severe bleeding can become the beginning of the trauma care chain of survival and make the difference between life and death for an injured person; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Defense, the American College of Surgeons developed the "Stop the Bleed" program and May 2020, is "National Stop the Bleed Month"; and

WHEREAS, providing appropriate stop the bleed training and trauma kits in public schools could empower appropriate school personnel to help in a bleeding emergency before

1 professional help arrives; and

2 WHEREAS, a traumatic injury response program should require that:

3 (1) Bleeding control kits are placed in easily accessible locations in designated rooms  
4 in each school.

5 (2) A bleeding control kit contain at least one tourniquet, one compression bandage,  
6 one bleeding control bandage, one marker, one pair of scissors, one pair of protective latex-  
7 free gloves, and instructional documents such as those developed by the "Stop the Bleed"  
8 national awareness campaign of the United States Department of Homeland Security or the  
9 American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma.

10 (3) The use of bleeding control kits be incorporated into each school's emergency  
11 plans and that all school drills include practice on how to use the kits.

12 (4) Each school designate and train employees who are reasonably expected to  
13 respond to traumatic injuries and use a bleeding control kit.

14 (5) Each bleeding control kit is annually inspected to ensure that the materials in the  
15 kit are in workable order and not past the marked expiration date.

16 (6) The bleeding control kit is inspected and restocked after each use.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
18 urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, through the state  
19 Department of Education, to develop and implement a traumatic injury response program  
20 to ensure that each city, parish, or other local public school in the state is prepared to respond  
21 to a traumatic injury emergency.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
23 president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state  
24 superintendent of education.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

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