



**OHIO HOUSE HEALTH PROVIDER SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**March 21, 2023**

**Written Opponent Testimony**  
**House Bill 47**

Chair Cutrona, Vice Chair Gross, Ranking Member Somani, and members of the Ohio House Health Provider Services Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written opponent testimony regarding House Bill 47, which would require the placement of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) in a variety of settings – mostly in schools, but also in municipal sports and recreation locations.

The Ohio Municipal League represents more than 730 cities and villages, many of which have recreational facilities that would fall under the definition of a sports and recreation location in this bill. HB47 defines these locations as indoor recreation centers and facilities, gymnasiums, swimming pools, and playing fields that are designated, operated, and maintained for those uses under existing law.

Certainly, this bill has a laudable goal of saving lives by having AEDs available in more locations. It should be noted that many of these locations likely have AEDs already. However, our concern with the bill is that it creates an unfunded mandate on municipalities that might not already have such devices.

Similar to how the state is resistant to unfunded mandates from the federal level, we ask that municipalities, as local governments, not receive unfunded mandates from the state. This bill would serve as an unfunded mandate, and therefore we ask that the state also provide funding to pay for AEDs at these facilities if the bill is to move forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views on behalf of the members of the Ohio Municipal League. Please feel free to reach out to us on this matter or any other issue with which we can be of assistance in the future.

Kent Scarrett  
Executive Director  
Ohio Municipal League