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To amend section 3701.851 and to enact section 3701.852 of the Revised Code regarding athletic facility staff training requirements for automated external defibrillation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 3701.851 be amended and section 3701.852 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 3701.851. The department of health shall develop a model emergency action plan for the use of automated external defibrillators by public and chartered nonpublic schools, youth sports organizations, athletic facilities, as that term is defined in section 3707.50 of the Revised Code, and sports and recreation locations, as that term is defined in section 755.13 of the Revised Code. The model emergency action plan shall—require the plan to be practiced at least quarterly.

The department shall develop a procedure whereby persons may report violations of section 755.13 of the Revised Code by a sports and recreation location, section 3701.852 of the Revised Code by an athletic facility, or section 3707.58 of the Revised Code by a youth sports organization.

Sec. 3701.852. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Athletic facility" means a privately owned athletic training, exercise, or sports facility that is open to the public.

(2) "Automated external defibrillation" has the same meaning as in section 2305.235 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Automated external defibrillator" has the same meaning as in section 3313.717 of the Revised Code.

(B) Except as provided in division (C) of this section, each athletic facility that maintains an automated external defibrillator on its premises shall do the following:

(1) Not later than ninety days after the effective date of this section, train at least one staff member to use an automated external defibrillator based on the manufacturer's recommendations for the automated external defibrillator in use on the athletic facility's premises and require the trained staff member to demonstrate competency using the automated external defibrillator. The athletic facility shall develop and maintain policy and procedures for automated external defibrillator competency and maintain documentation of staff member competency.

(2) Adopt an emergency action plan for the defibrillator's use, which may be based on the model plan developed by the department of health under section 3701.851 of the Revised Code.

(C) This section does not apply to an athletic facility that does not employ staff or does not have any employed staff members on duty while customers are on its premises as part of its regular staffing schedule.

Section 2. That existing section 3701.851 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed.