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SYNOPSIS

Requires local recreation departments and youth serving organizations to have defibrillators for youth athletic events.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/5/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning automated external defibrillators and cardio-
2 pulmonary resuscitation and supplementing Title 5 of the
3 Revised Statutes.

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5 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Michael
9 Fisher Law.”

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11 2. a. Beginning September 1, 2020, a municipal or county
12 recreation department and a nonprofit youth serving organization as
13 defined in section 1 of P.L.1999, c.432 (C.15A:3A-1) including, but
14 not limited to, Little Leagues, Babe Ruth Leagues, Pop Warner
15 Leagues, Police Athletic Leagues, and youth soccer leagues, which
16 organizes, sponsors, or is otherwise affiliated with youth athletic
17 events that are played on municipal, county, school, or other
18 publicly-owned fields, shall ensure that there is available on site an
19 automated external defibrillator, as defined in section 2 of
20 P.L.1999, c.34 (C.2A:62A-24), at each youth athletic event and
21 practice held on the department’s or organization’s home field.

22 b. A recreation department or youth serving organization shall
23 be deemed to be in compliance with the requirements of this section
24 if a State-certified emergency services provider or other certified
25 first responder is on site at the athletic event or practice and has a
26 defibrillator available for use on site.

27 c. Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L.1999, c.34
28 (C.2A:62A-23 et seq.) to the contrary, a recreation department or
29 youth serving organization and its employees and volunteer
30 umpires, coaches, and licensed athletic trainers shall be immune
31 from civil liability in the acquisition and use of a defibrillator.

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33 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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38 The bill requires that beginning on September 1, 2020, municipal
39 or county recreation departments and nonprofit youth serving
40 organizations, which organize, sponsor, or are otherwise affiliated
41 with youth athletic events that are played on municipal, county,
42 school, or other publicly-owned fields, must ensure that there is
43 available on site an automated external defibrillator (AED) at each
44 youth athletic event and practice held on the department’s or
45 organization’s home field.

46 A recreation department or youth serving organization will be
47 deemed to be in compliance with the AED requirement if a State-
48 certified emergency services provider or other certified first

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1 responder is on site at the athletic event or practice and has an AED
2 available for use on site. A recreation department or youth serving
3 organization and its employees, umpires, coaches, and licensed
4 athletic trainers will be immune from civil liability in the
5 acquisition and use of an AED.