

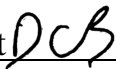
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**BILL STATUS**

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***I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2023 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 42-37 (COR)**

Introduced by:

Chris Barnett 

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1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds  
3 that the near death of 24-year-old Buffalo Bills safety Demar Hamlin serves as a  
4 recent reminder of the higher risk of sudden cardiac arrest among young people who  
5 participate in athletics. The saving of Hamlin’s life is credited not just to the quick  
6 thinking of the Bill’s training staff but also to a device known as an *Automated*  
7 *External Defibrillator* or AED. Thanks to the efforts of former Vice Speaker Larry  
8 Kasperbauer, AEDs have been available for emergency use on Guam since March  
9 of 2000.

10 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that organizations such as the *Louis J.*  
11 *Acompora Memorial Foundation* and *Project ADAM* (“Automated Defibrillation in  
12 Adam’s Memory” named in the memory Adam Lemel) have raised awareness of the  
13 risk of sudden cardiac arrest among teenagers and young adults.

14 On March 25, 2000, Louis J. Acompora died from a condition known as  
15 commotio cordis, which resulted from a blow to his chest while playing lacrosse

1 during his first high school game. Louis was only 14 years old. Adam Lemel died  
2 doing what he loved best - playing basketball. The 17-year-old Whitefish Bay High  
3 School in Wisconsin student died of cardiac arrest Jan. 22, 1999.

4 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that as of September 2021, out of 50  
5 states, only 17 have requirements for the installation of AEDs on school campuses.  
6 The requirements vary for different school grades, public or private schools, and for  
7 different school events.

8 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that AEDs typically range in price from  
9 One Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$1,100) to Two Thousand Five Hundred  
10 Dollars (\$2,500) which is about one-tenth of the price of the devices from the time  
11 the Guam's AED law was enacted in March of 2000.

12 It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* that AEDs be deployed and made  
13 available for all public-school campuses for possible use during school hours, school  
14 sporting events and school activities.

15 **Section 2.** A new § 7117 is *added* to Chapter 7, Title 17, Guam Code  
16 Annotated to read as follows:

17 **“§ 7117. Access to Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)**  
18 **for Every School.**

19 (a) Each public-school campus, including charter school campuses,  
20 shall have on its premises, at least one automated external defibrillator (AED)  
21 as defined by Chapter 96, Title 10 Guam Code Annotated. The AED shall be  
22 available during school hours, school sporting events and school activities.  
23 The Guam Education Board shall, by policy, create the provisions for  
24 deployment and use of AEDs to include, but not be limited to, the following:

25 (1) the locations and quantities on the campuses and facilities  
26 of AEDs,

1                   (2) the training requirements for staff, coaches and volunteers  
2                   to use the AEDs,

3                   (3) Monitoring AEDs to ensure the devices will function  
4                   correctly as needed, and

5                   (4) Security and protection of the AEDs from theft, criminal  
6                   mischief (vandalism) and damage or destruction from acts of nature.

7                   (b) access to AEDs, as required by paragraph (a), *supra*, must be  
8                   completed by June 30, 2024.

9                   (c) The Guam Department of Education, shall annually, request  
10                  from *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* additional funding or amendments to the law  
11                  herein as may be necessary.”

12                  **Section 3. Request for Appropriation.** The Guam Department of  
13 Education shall submit a request for appropriation *to I Liheslaturan Guåhan* fund  
14 Section 2 of this Act no later than June 30, 2023.

15                  **Section 4. Effective Dates.** The provisions of Sections 2 and 3 of this Act  
16 are effective as stated therein.