

## Session 126 - (2025-2026)

**H\*3831 (Rat #0115, Act #0108 of 2026) General Bill, By Lawson, Hayes, Sessions, T. Moore, McCravy, Guffey, Chapman, M.M. Smith, Gagnon, Martin, Moss, Duncan, Sanders, Grant, Howard, Bauer, Pedalino, Robbins, Schuessler, Rivers and Waters**

***Similar (H 3576)***

**Summary:** Smart Heart Act

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SMART HEART ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-165 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-17-155, RELATING TO THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM IN HIGH SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL ENSURE THE PRESENCE OF AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR ONSITE AND WITHIN CERTAIN PROXIMITY OF SCHOOL ATHLETIC VENUES, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED TESTING, MAINTENANCE, AND PERSONNEL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS. - RATIFIED TITLE

**01/29/25 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 15)**  
**01/29/25 House Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 15)**  
**02/13/25 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Duncan, Sanders, Grant, Howard, Bauer, Pedalino**  
**02/20/25 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Robbins**  
**03/26/25 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Schuessler**  
**04/01/25 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Rivers**  
**04/02/25 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 5)**  
**04/04/25 Scrivener's error corrected**  
**04/08/25 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Waters**  
**04/08/25 House Amended (House Journal-page 23)**  
**04/08/25 House Read second time (House Journal-page 23)**  
**04/08/25 House Roll call Yeas-108 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 24)**  
**04/09/25 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 21)**  
**04/09/25 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 3)**  
**04/09/25 Senate Referred to Committee on Education (Senate Journal-page 3)**  
**03/11/26 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education (Senate Journal-page 13)**  
**03/17/26 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 37)**  
**03/17/26 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal-page 37)**  
**03/17/26 Senate Roll call Ayes-40 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 37)**  
**03/19/26 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 21)**  
**03/25/26 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal-page 53)**  
**03/25/26 House Roll call Yeas-117 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 53)**  
**03/25/26 Ratified R 115**  
**03/30/26 Signed By Governor**  
**04/02/26 Effective date 07/01/26**  
**04/02/26 Act No. 108**