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for

House Bill 4497

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1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §18-2-25b, relating to requiring the West Virginia Secondary School Activities
3 Commission to require that an automated external defibrillator device, as well as a posted
4 emergency action plan, be present on the school or event grounds during the duration of
5 all extramural high school or middle school athletic events and practices under the control,
6 supervision and regulation of the commission, and that all school sports personnel be
7 trained in the use of the device; requiring that the automated external defibrillator device
8 on the school or event grounds be located as close to the event or practice activity as is
9 possible; requiring that rules be proposed for promulgation by the state board of education;
10 and naming the law The Alex Miller Law.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-2-25b. Defibrillator required at certain events.

1 In memory of Alex Miller, a Roane County football player who collapsed and died during
2 a school football game, this law shall be known as The Alex Miller Law.

3 The West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall require that an
4 automated external defibrillator device, as well as a posted emergency action plan, be present
5 on the school or event grounds during the duration of all extramural high school or middle school
6 athletic events and practices under the control, supervision and regulation of the commission, and
7 that all school sports personnel be trained in the use of the device. Furthermore, the automated
8 external defibrillator device on the school or event grounds shall be located as close to the event
9 or practice activity as is possible.

10 The commission shall propose rules for promulgation by the state board in accordance
11 with the provisions of §29A-3B-1 et seq. of this code to implement the provisions of this section.