

# HB 1700

School boards; bleeding control programs; bleeding control kits; immunity from civil liability.



Bill Patron: Delegate Nadarius E. Clark (84<sup>th</sup> House District)

## What the Bill Does:

Requires each public elementary and secondary school building to have bleeding control kits. Bleeding control kits support emergency preparedness and responsiveness in the school setting.

A bleeding control kit is a first-aid response kit that contains the following:

- One (1) tourniquet endorsed by the committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care of the Federal Defense Health Agency.
- One (1) compression bandage
- One (1) bleeding control bandage
- One (1) pair of protective gloves
- One (1) marker
- One (1) pair of scissors
- One (1) set of instructional documents developed by the Stop the Bleed national awareness campaign of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security of the American College of Surgeons' Committee on Trauma.
- Any additional items that are approved by the local law enforcement or first-responders that can adequately treat a traumatic injury involving bleeding and can be stored in a readily available kit.
- Bleeding kits will be inspected and restocked as needed by school staff.

## Why Does This Matter?

This legislation may reduce the negative impact of traumatic bleeding among children in schools by ensuring an accessible supply of bleeding control kits in public elementary and secondary schools.

## How Does This Impact Students?

Students would be the beneficiary of having bleeding control kits available in each school setting. These kits would be available for use in a crisis situation, if needed.

## How Does This Impact School Divisions?

- Each school board shall develop and implement a bleeding control program in each public elementary and secondary school in the local school division whereby the school board:
  - Requires bleeding control kits to be placed in each public elementary and secondary school building in locations designated by the division safety official or local first responders as being easily accessible;
  - Includes bleeding control kits in the emergency plans of the local school division and each public elementary and secondary school therein, including the presentation and use of such kits in all drills and emergencies;

- Requires annual inspection of bleeding control kit inventories to ensure that materials, supplies, and equipment contained in the bleeding control kit are not expired and the replacement of any expired materials, supplies, and equipment as necessary; and
- Requires each bleeding control kit to be restocked after each use and any materials, supplies, and equipment to be replaced as necessary to ensure that the kit contains all required materials, supplies, and equipment.

## What Resources Are Available?

- *Code of Virginia*, 8VAC20-132-240 [School facilities and safety](#), outlines safety requirements for school facilities. The Department of Education recommends the school's nurse and at least two school staff are certified in first-aid, CPR, and use of AEDs.
- The [Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services: ALERRT Train-the-Trainer: Civilian Response and Casualty Care \(CRCC\)](#) is a statewide initiative promoting national standard levels of training, specifically within the area of active attacks.
- The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services' Civilian Response and Casualty Care
- [Stop the Bleed](#) training provides strategies, guidance and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event. This course combines the civilian response with the Stop the Bleed Campaign, which empowers civilians to provide life-saving medical aid before first responders ever arrive.
- The [Virginia School Crisis, Emergency Management and Medical Emergency Response Plan webpage](#) offers school divisions and other interested stakeholder's curriculum and training on critical incidents and crisis management.
- The [Office of Emergency Medical Services \(OEMS\)](#) is responsible for planning and coordinating an effective and efficient statewide EMS system. Our programs and services are designed to assure quality prehospital patient care, from when the call is received by the 911 center to the delivery of the patient to the trauma center or hospital.

## What Additional Items Will Be Released?

- In addition to this document, notice of this requirement will be provided in a Virginia Education Update newsletter prior to August 1, 2025.

## School Division Next Steps:

- Consult with division's safety officials and or local first responders to develop and implement a comprehensive bleeding control program.
- Each local school board is to develop policies and procedures to include procurement, storage and maintenance of bleeding control kits.
- Develop plan for annual inspection of each bleeding control kit to include documentation of findings and the replacement of damaged or expired supplies.
- Include bleeding control kits as an integral part of each school's emergency response plan and emergency response drills.
- Develop plan for strategic placement and accessibility of bleeding control kits throughout each school.
- Develop a plan for replenishment of bleeding control kit contents after each use.
- Develop a plan to ensure that bleeding control kits are always fully stocked.
- Develop and implement a plan to effectively train designated staff to respond with a bleeding control kit in the event of an emergency.

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