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## **Representative Smola Announces School Defibrillator Bill**

**BOSTON – Representatives Todd M. Smola (R-Warren)**, joined his colleagues in the Legislature to pass “An Act requiring automated external defibrillators in schools” late on Tuesday night, before the end of the current legislative session. Automated external defibrillators (AED) are medical devices that analyze heart rhythms and can deliver electrical shocks that can help the heart reestablish an effective rhythm during sudden cardiac arrest. The new law will require that every school in Massachusetts would need to have automated external defibrillators on site by July 2018.

“This new regulation is essential to ensuring the safety of our children,” said Representative Smola. “Our local schools know how important it is to have AED’s close at hand and I’m very happy that we were able to get this legislation passed.”

Under the bill (S 2449), each school will also need to have a person on staff who is trained as an AED provider, and school administrators will need to ensure that an AED and provider is "readily available at any school-sponsored athletic event."

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